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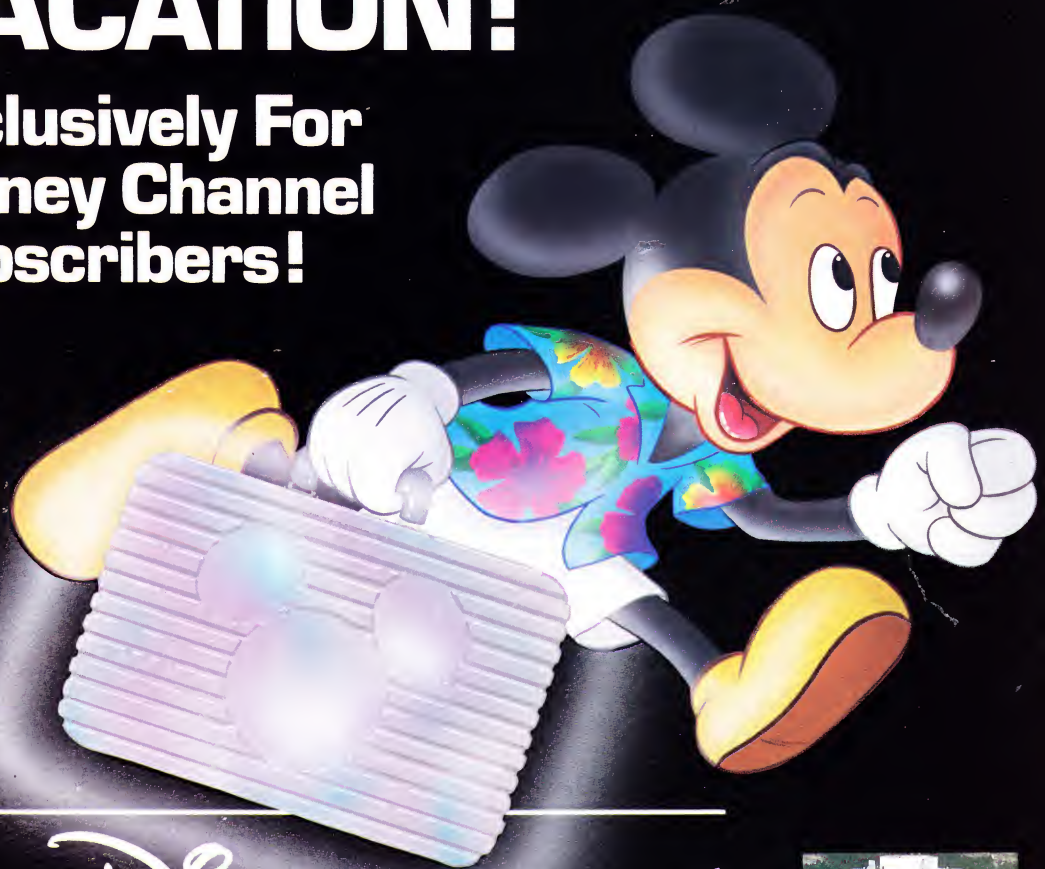

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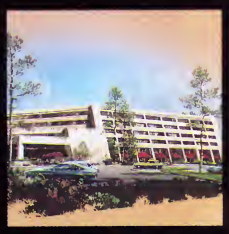

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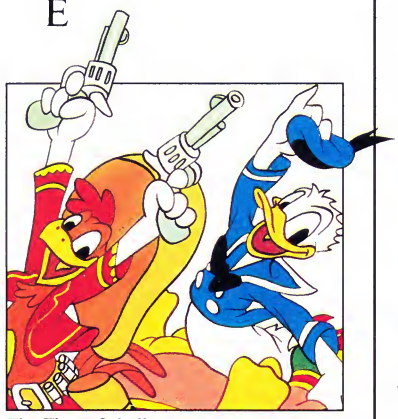
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Brita Posedel
El Cajon, CA

Pluto's Pen Pals Laura Willsey (left) and Emily Posedel met in San Diego, CA.

DTV RAVE

I just saw the *DTV* version of Spike Jones' "Blue Danube." It was *great*! My compliments to whoever put it together. I laughed all the way through it.

K. Sluterbeck
Van Wert, OH

YOUNG DISNEY CHANNEL FANS

I am writing to tell you how pleased I am to have The Disney Channel in my home. I have a seven-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son. My son didn't care too much to watch the programs on regular TV. I was surprised to see him interested in The Disney Channel. Besides *Dumbo's Circus* and *Welcome to Pooh Corner,* his favorite program is *You and Me, Kid.* I think it is a wonderful program, especially for my two year old, and Mom gets a little peace and quiet. Keep up the good work.

Cindy Heintz
Dallas, OR

WAS PINOCCHIO EDITED?

Our family watched the premiere of *Pinocchio* last night. My disappointment with you is extensive. You have edited the movie to the point where the moral of Pinocchio's story is completely lost. What a dismal letdown, especially for those of us who have seen the movie as children and remember the magic. We wish you would please give us the benefit of viewing an entire film uncut.

Mrs. Linda Bell
Lake City, PA

Pinocchio *was aired complete and uncut. It has always been 88 minutes.*

THE THREE CABALLEROS

Is there a chance we will be seeing the film *The Three Caballeros* anytime soon on The Disney Channel? I always wanted to see it, but never had the opportunity.

Miss Karen Barden
San Diego, CA

The Three Caballeros *premieres January 10 at 7:00 p.m. on The Disney Channel. For a feature article on this unusual film, which combines colorful and bold animation with live-action,* *turn to page 12.*

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Two of this country's finest actresses add drama and passion to *The Blue and The Gray*, the exciting mini-series which continues on Tuesday nights on The Disney Channel: **Geraldine Page**, this year's Academy Award winner for Best Actress for her role in the movie *The Trip to Bountiful*, and **Colleen Dewhurst**.

Both actresses will play leading roles on New York stages this winter. In January, Colleen Dewhurst opens a new one-woman show: *My Gene*, the story of Carlotta Monterey, playwright Eugene O'Neill's third wife. (Dewhurst will be seen in coming months on The Disney Channel in the critically - acclaimed mini-series *Anne of Green Gables*.) And in March, Geraldine Page will open in Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*.

By the way, Geraldine Page's husband, **Rip Torn**, also stars in *The Blue and The Gray*, along with **Stacy Keach**, **Lloyd Bridges**, and **Gregory Peck** as Abraham Lincoln.

Loretta Young, who stars in the holiday classic *The Bishop's Wife* on The Disney Channel, has recently returned to acting after a 23-year absence. She will star in NBC's *Christmas Eve*, with **Arthur Hill** (who also appears on The Channel in *One Magic Christmas*) and Trevor Howard. On the subject of her retirement, Young says: "I realized that there was more to life than what I was experiencing on a sound stage." She'd worked hard in the business for quite a while, after all, starting out in 1921 as a three-dollar-a-day extra in Rudolph Valentino's *The Sheik*. But when NBC sent her the *Christmas Eve* script, she accepted within 24 hours.

Cloris Leachman (in the Disney comedy *The North Avenue Irregulars*) has also recently returned to television as a chaperone for the four young women in NBC's long-running series *Facts of Life*. She says: "I thought, it's time to get back and say, 'Cloris is here.'"

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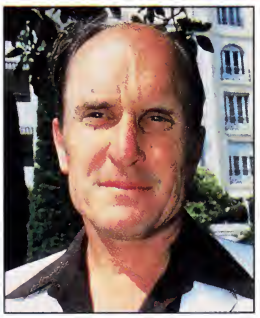
***Colleen Dewhurst appears in* The Blue and The Gray.**



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***Cloris Leachman is one of* The North Avenue Irregulars; *Robert Duvall is in* Tender Mercies; *and Geraldine Page is in* The Blue and The Gray.**

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Photo By Mario Cassilli

Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn star in* My Fair Lady, *winner of eight Oscars.

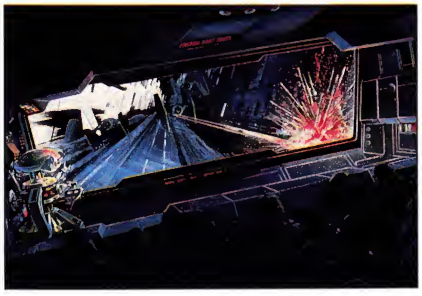
Tender Mercies won Academy Awards for star **Robert Duvall** (Best Actor) and screenwriter Horton Foote. Foote and Duvall were also co-producers. Duvall is currently appearing in the movie *The Lightship*. "It's the first work since *Tender Mercies* I'm really proud of," Duvall says.

Another Academy Award-winning film, *My Fair Lady* (which won four Oscars) brings **Audrey Hepburn** and **Rex Harrison** to The Disney Channel. Rex Harrison, who played Professor Higgins over a thousand times in Broadway and London productions, won an Oscar for the screen version. In his autobiography *Rex*, Harrison admits to a singing range of about one and a half notes, but Lerner and Loewe helped him create the distinctive sing-speech pattern that immortalized Harrison's Professor Higgins.

Audrey Hepburn has recently completed a thriller for ABC Movies: *Love Among Thieves*, with Robert Wagner, to air sometime this winter. "I don't want to do anything tragic or dramatic," says the elegant actress, "there's enough of that around. This is totally fun."

Disney's four-legged star **Jed**, the beautiful animal (half malamute/half wolf) who stars in *The Journey of Natty Gann*, will be featured in *Champions of the Heart*, a Disney Sunday Movie about the Ididarod, the annual Alaskan dog-sled race. Jed's trainer, Clint Rowe, is also Mike the Dog's trainer. Mike has appeared in *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*, on *Danger Bay*, and most recently in *Spot Marks the X* on The Disney Channel.

From Disneyland comes news of a Tomorrowland attraction scheduled to open early in 1987. **"Star Tours,"** created by George Lucas and The Walt Disney Company, offers daily departures to the Moon of Endor.



"Star Tours" at Disneyland will soon offer trips to the land of the Ewoks.

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A Classic Film in the Holiday Tradition

Can the spirit of Christmas have any meaning for a young woman whose family faces financial ruin? The answer is a resounding yes, as subscribers of The Disney Channel will discover on December 13 at 7:00 p.m. with the world television premiere of the contemporary film-fable, *One Magic Christmas*. It's a heart-warming film, made in the classic holiday tradition of Frank Capra's movie *It's A Wonderful Life* and Dickens' immortal tale *A Christmas Carol*. Like both of those earlier works, *One Magic Christmas* explores the true meaning of the season.

Academy Award-winning actress Mary Steenburgen heads the film's cast. She portrays Ginny Grainger, a young woman whose faith in both Christmas and the American Dream have been shattered. As the film opens, her small town of Medford has been hard hit by a depression, and her husband Jack (Gary Basaraba) has been unemployed for months. Even worse is the news that her husband's company is selling the Grainger's house out from under them.

"Ginny is very much a woman of the '80s," observes Mary Steenburgen of her character. "She's a working woman, with two small children, and she's trying to hold everything together. She's under a lot of pressure financially, and as a result, she is unable to see the things that are joyous and graceful in life."

Christmas tales are always stories of personal transformation. Scrooge was visited by Marley's ghost and changed his ways. In *It's A Wonderful Life*, Jimmy Stewart was the small-town banker saved from personal ruin and suicide by the kindly angel Clarence. And in *One Magic Christmas*, Ginny Grainger is at last brought to a profound realization of the spirit of Christmas through two remarkable forces, one human and one superhuman.

***United in goodwill, the entire Grainger family experiences* One Magic Christmas.**

The human factor is Ginny's daughter Abbie, charmingly portrayed by seven-year-old Elizabeth Harnois. Though circumstances threaten Abbie's faith in Christmas and in Santa Claus, her meeting with a superhuman being—and her faith in him—helps restore Ginny Grainger's belief in Christmas.

Abbie's friend and Ginny's benefactor is the angel Gideon. He is a Christmas Angel charged with a special mission in the afterlife. Once a year he is given the task of helping one person to find the spirit of Christmas. Through Abbie's love, Gideon is persuaded to make Ginny that one person he aids.

One of the beautiful and unique touches to *One Magic Christmas* lies in its conception of this mysterious Christmas Angel and of Santa's helpers, seen when Gideon takes Abbie on a wondrous trip to Santa's workshop. All are people who have been rewarded in the afterlife with positions in Santa's workshop.

Gideon's appearance is a case in point. As Director Phillip Borsos noted, "Casting a sweet angelic character was too obvious. Dressed in a 19th century wool overcoat and his best cowboy hat, Harry Dean Stanton's appearance should provide a pleasant surprise." (Gideon was a cowboy who saved a boy's life.)

Despite his scruffy appearance, Gideon wins Abbie's affection by his kindness and magical abilities, setting the stage for a series of miraculous adventures. (Parents may wish to explain to very small children that Christmas Angels like Gideon are very, very rare, and one must use great caution in dealing with strangers.)

"The film is intentionally a latter day *Christmas Carol*," said Thomas Meehan, who brought the screenplay of *One Magic Christmas* to its final form. "Ginny is more or less a contemporary Scrooge, and certain of the adventures which happen to Ginny are equivalent to Scrooge's dream."

But perhaps director Borsos has the best perspective on *One Magic Christmas*: "I wanted to do a Christmas story," he said, "because I basically believe that the world is full of good people."

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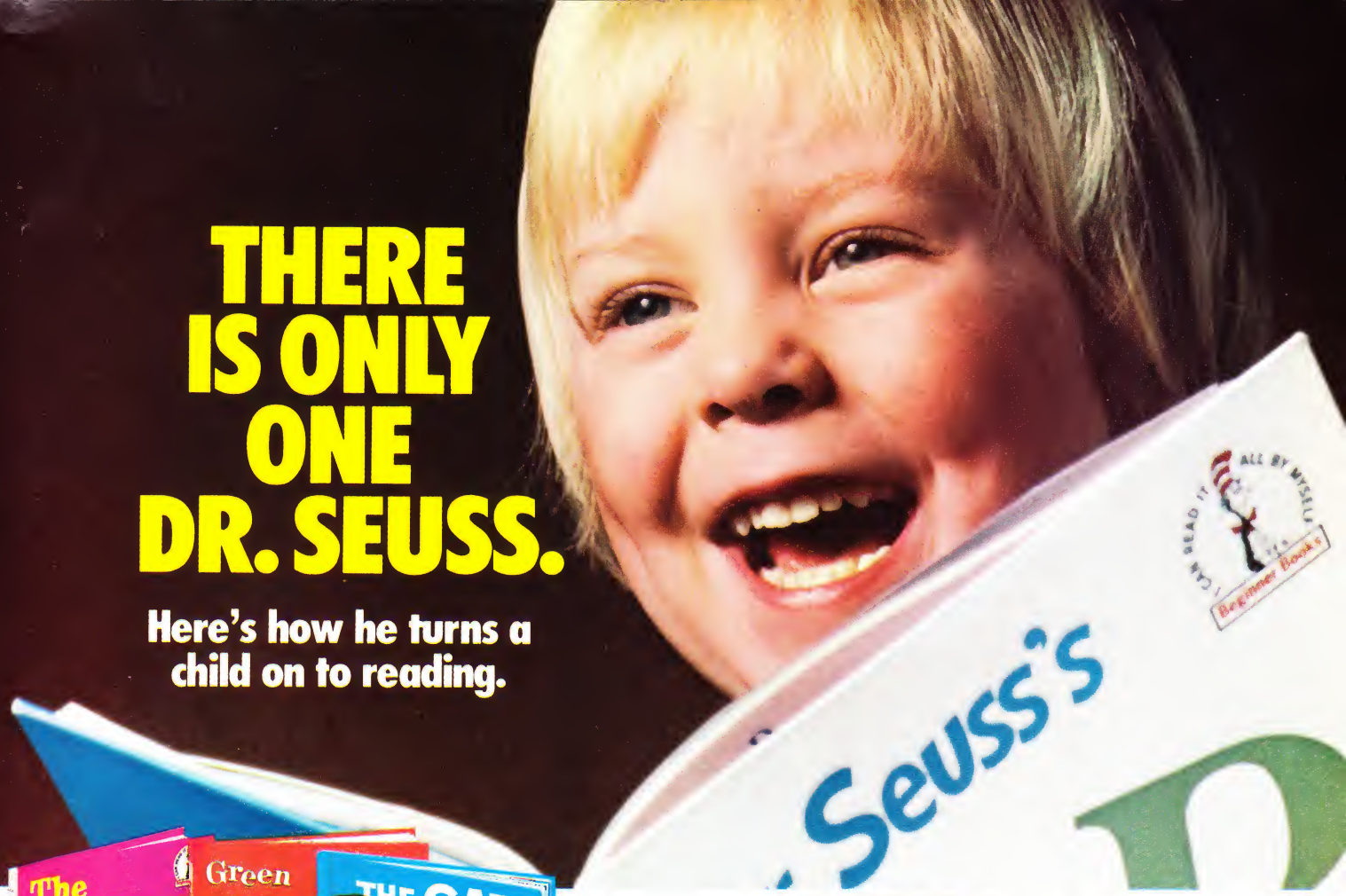

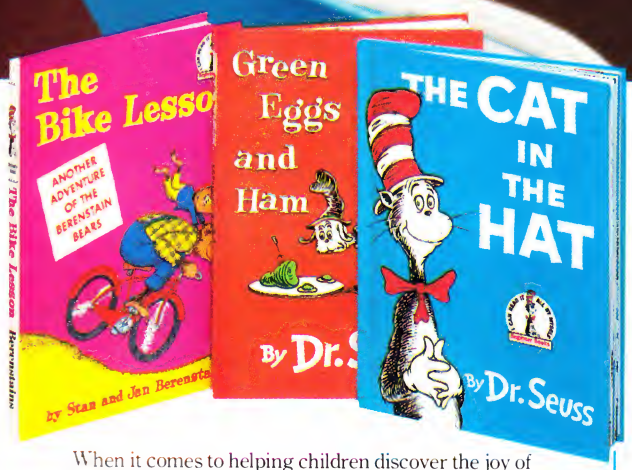

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***Programs coming to The Disney Channel include (left to right, bottom row)* Heathcliff, The Quest, *Disney's* Fun & Fancy Free. *In the top row, from left to right, are* 16 Days of Glory, Strange Companions, *and* Boone.**

December and January mark the end of one year and the start of another. But among changing times and seasons, one thing remains constant: The Disney Channel's commitment to high-quality entertainment for the entire family. And for the months to come, The Disney Channel has selected a dazzling array of programs for your viewing pleasure. It's a mix of classic Disney live-action and animated feature films, a wide variety of movies from producers around the world, and the finest mini-series. The Disney Channel is also expanding its broadcasting day to 24 hours, making The Disney Channel accessible to every member of your family, no matter what their schedules.

One of January's highlights on The Disney Channel is Bud Greenspan's magnificent film *16 Days of Glory,* a stunning visual record of the human side of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles *16 Days of Glory* probes beneath the surface of athletic competition to focus on the moving personal dramas. In addition to this extraordinary feature, The Disney Channel will also present an additional series of 12 *Olympic Profiles: 1984.*

In the past year, Disney Channel Premiere Films, such as *Parent Trap II, Spot Marks the X,* and *Down the Long Hills,* offered subscribers new quality family entertainment. That tradition continues in 1987 with the U.S. television premiere of *Strange Companions.* Starring Douglas McClure, it's the story of a pilot and a young boy who must struggle to survive after their plane crashes in the wilderness. And The Disney Channel's producers are preparing several new films for presentation this spring.

Beginning with *The Red Fury,* The Channel has been proud to present Disney Channel Discoveries, films of high quality and value that are picture perfect for the entire family. Coming up in our series are three more film Discoveries. *The Quest* stars *E.T.*'s Henry Thomas. It's the story of a young American boy's adventures in Australia. *A Billion for Boris,* starring Tim Kazurinsky and Lee Grant, is an enchanting fable of a group of kids who repair a TV—and discover that it can tell the future. *Charlie Smith and the Fritter Tree* is the true story of Charlie Smith. Born a slave in the 1850s, Charlie Smith witnesses the American experience from his childhood in the Old South right up to modern times, just before his death an amazing 134 years later. And of course you'll continue to see fine Disney family films like *Freaky Friday*.

24 Hour Programming Debuts December 7th

In addition, The Disney Channel will present two special events this spring. The first is *Anne of Avonlea: The Continuing Story of Anne of Green Gables,* a four-hour mini-series co-produced by The Disney Channel which is based on the series of famous children's books by L. M. Montgomery. *Anne of Avonlea* continues the story of Anne Shirley, the young orphan adopted by the owners of Green Gables Farm, that was begun in the Emmy Award-winning mini-series *Anne of Green Gables. Anne of Avonlea* is a sensitive, moving work, beautifully filmed and starring Megan Follows as Anne Shirley. And to set the stage for subscribers, The Disney Channel will also present the original *Anne of Green Gables* to create eight hours of superb family entertainment.

The other special event is Shirley Temple Theatre. It's an exclusive presentation of 18 films by the greatest child star of all time.

There is also an entertaining slate of animated movies and series coming up. Highlighting the schedule is the exclusive world television premiere of a Disney classic: *Fun & Fancy Free.* It's the only Disney feature-length animated film starring this winning combination: Jiminy Cricket, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy.

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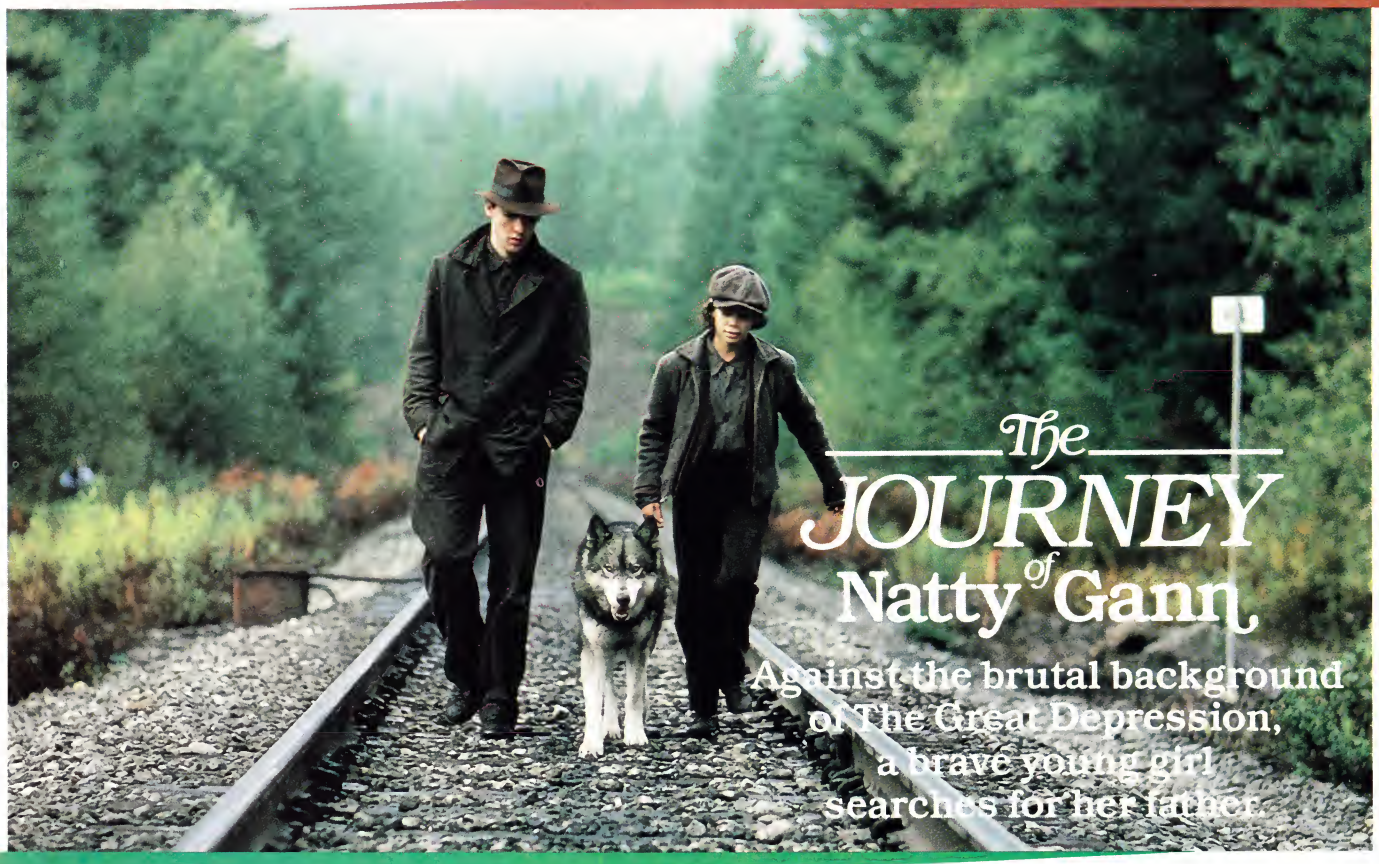
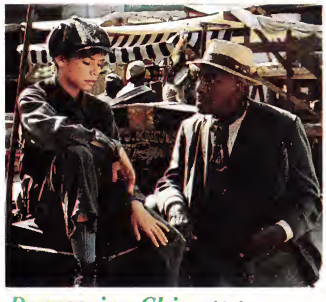
The JOURNEY of Natty Gann

Against the brutal background of The Great Depression, a brave young girl searches for her father.





Depression Chicago: Sherman (Scatman Crothers) warns Natty about the perils of riding the rails.

"It's an adventure I would have loved to have taken," says screenwriter Jeanne Rosenberg about Natty Gann's cross-country odyssey with a wolf. Natty's father had been forced to leave her for work in the Pacific Northwest, but Natty refused to stay in Chicago until he sent for her. (Her mother had died.) Jeanne wrote the original screenplay for *The Journey of Natty Gann*, so in a sense she *did* endure every inch of the harrowing 2000-mile trek.

And a thrilling adventure it is, much of it through beautiful wilderness, as you'll discover when *The Journey of Natty Gann* has its world television premiere on The Disney Channel on December 20. *The Disney Channel Magazine* recently talked with Jeanne about how she wrote the story and got the film produced—a journey in itself.

Jeanne lives on a horse ranch, commuting distance from Hollywood but a world apart in feeling. Her second-floor study looks out to rolling hills. After Jeanne writes what she wants for the day, she goes horseback riding. It's her therapy, she says.

The Journey of Natty Gann began on a day in 1981, when Jeanne sat in her study with a pad and pencil. All she knew was that she wanted to see a girl in a great adventure. She had co-authored the screenplay for *The Black Stallion*, her favorite childhood book. But it, like all other adventure stories and animal stories she'd loved as a child, was about a boy. "I wanted a girl out there alone, without adults, making it on her own.

"I had been reading about the Thirties, mainly Steinbeck. That era has always appealed to me. People had to rally then in a way that we've never had to. We live in a soft culture. Once I had placed Natty Gann in the Thirties, the story just presented itself."

The wolf was a crucial part of the story for Jeanne. "When I was a child I spent a lot of time tramping through the woods with dogs," she recalls. "I wanted that girl to have a wild animal as a friend, an animal that seemed almost mystical."

After Jeanne had completed the screenplay, she and producer Mike Lobell and director Jeremy Kagan worked together for months on the film. They were in agreement about what the film ought to be: an emotional portrayal of the bond between daughter and father and an authentic view of the hardships of the Thirties. The only difference among them was about the role of the wolf, which Jeanne saw as more important than the others did.

The road to production became rocky when they tried selling the idea to studios. They were confronted by one negative reaction after another: "It would cost too much to have it set in the Thirties." "If it were a classic book, maybe we could take it on, but it's not." "You've got to get rid of the wolf."

But Disney liked it. Production designers set to work creating Thirties' sets, and the wolf stayed in the script.

When the movie was released a year ago, it was hailed for its Thirties authenticity and its heartfelt story. Movie critic Rex Reed wrote about director Jeremy Kagan: "He proves again that he can grip the emotions and sustain suspense at the same time with a sophisticated authority that appears to be

A treacherous odyssey: Courageous Natty (Meredith Salenger) gets a hand from a drifter, Harry (John Cusack).

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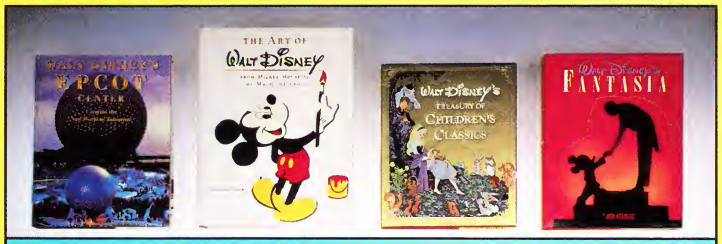

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The Good Neighbor Policy Turns Out Great Entertainment

THE THREE CABALLEROS!

In 1941 Walt Disney made a good-will tour of South America, backed by the State Department. The Government was promoting a Good Neighbor Policy in the Americas, in the face of the outbreak of world war in Europe. Two films grew out of Walt's trip: *Saludos Amigos,* a featurette released in 1943, and *The Three Caballeros,* a full-length color feature finally released in 1945. The latter film was hailed as an artistic and commercial success.

A box-office hit, the film did better than *Snow White* when tested in 25 U.S. cities. It topped all house records in Mexico City. But the film hasn't been seen in its entirety since then. Now, on January 10 at 7:00 p.m. (EST/PST), The Disney Channel is showing *The Three Caballeros* as it was originally released. It was reissued once, in 1977, but in a heavily edited version.

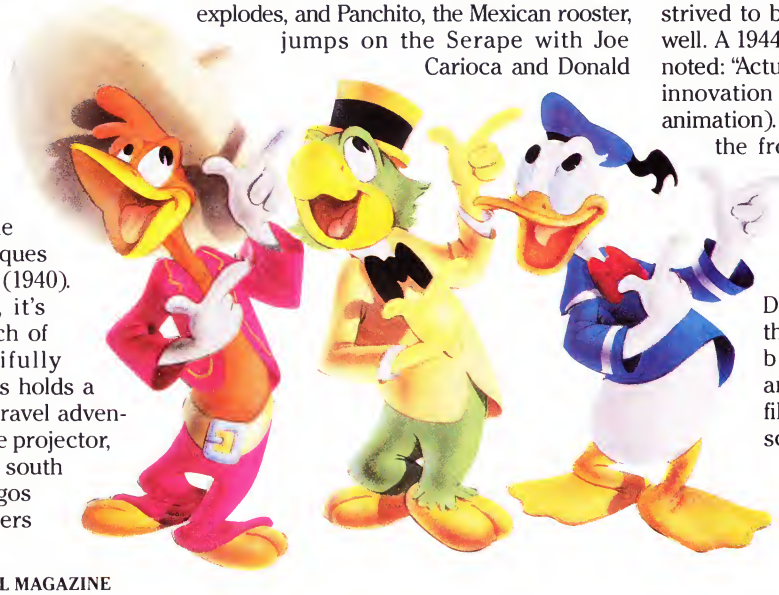
Walt Disney accomplished what he and the Government set out to do. He captured on film the lush beauty of the South American continent, and the color and gaiety of its peoples. But *The Three Caballeros* gained recognition more for its dynamic animation than for its good-neighborliness.

It was the first color feature film to combine live action and animation, and critics marveled at Walt's achievement. The technique was further developed in *Song of the South* and reached its height with *Mary Poppins,* but *The Three Caballeros* still stands as a landmark picture. In addition, the film's use of surreal visual effects was considered as innovative as the advanced recording techniques ("Fantasound") of *Fantasia* (1940).

When the film opens, it's Donald's birthday, and each of his three large, beautifully wrapped birthday presents holds a different South American travel adventure. The first gift is a movie projector, with film winding Donald south of the border to the Galapagos Islands, where he encounters another rare bird Pablo and a flying donkey.

The second present is a large pop-up book, out of which bursts Joe Carioca, the Brazilian parrot about town. He and Donald take off on a Magic Serape (carpet to us) for a high-flying tour of Brazil. Donald is an enthusiastic visitor. He appreciates South America's beauty—especially its señoritas—and is carried away by calypso rhythms.

The last present is a sound track of Latin music, which transports our traveler to Mexico. The music becomes wild, finally explodes, and Panchito, the Mexican rooster, jumps on the Serape with Joe Carioca and Donald for travels through Mexico.



One of the highlights of the Mexican trip for the caballeros is the Christmas festival of Las Posadas. Reenacting the journey of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter, Mexican children walk through the streets carrying candles, until they're taken in by friendly neighbors. There, adults and children celebrate together. The high point of the festivities is breaking open the piñata filled with gifts.

The venturesome caballeros take off again on their Magic Serape, this time bound for the glamorous nightlife of Mexico City. They then fly to Vera Cruz, and finally end up on the beach at Acapulco. Surrounded by bathing beauties, Donald's in heaven.

The Three Caballeros was delayed in being released because of the war. Not only was there a shortage of film and a waiting list to get it, but most of the Disney Studio production during the war years was for the armed forces and other government agencies. At one point war-related work was 95 percent of the studio's output. (There were no Mickey Mouse cartoons for three years.) There was also a shortage of animators, many of them having been drafted.

But Walt Disney was ingenious at using whatever talent was available, and he strived to be innovative with each film as well. A 1944 newspaper article about Walt, noted: "Actually the war forced him into the innovation (of combining live action and animation). Many of his best artists are at the front. By pulling human beings into cartoons fewer artists are needed."

No matter the motivation, when the film opened in theaters, most critics agreed that Disney had accomplished something everyone thought impossible. He had put together animated film and live-action film with such accuracy that on screen, Donald Duck was actually dancing with Aurora Miranda—and loving every minute of it.

WHAT'S ON

O. Henry's Full House *(above); Mary Steenburgen stars in* One Magic Christmas.

Fine Films for the Holidays

Celebrate the holiday season with fine feature films, ranging from Disney's contemporary fable, *One Magic Christmas*, premiering on December 13 at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time) to the classic musical, *My Fair Lady*, which premieres Christmas Day at 9:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). Other holiday movies include *The Bishop's Wife, O. Henry's Full House* , and the charming animated film, *The Nutcracker Fantasy.*

***Clockwise from left:* My Fair Lady*; the Christmas classic* The Bishop's Wife; The Nutcracker Fantasy.**

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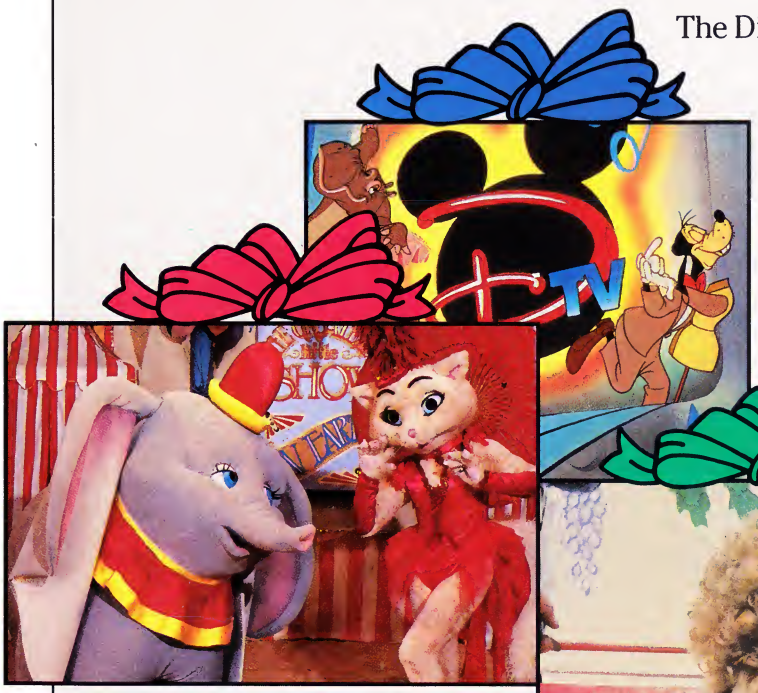

An unique new *DTV,* cartoons with a holiday beat, including "Winter Wonderland" and "Jingle Bells Rock," is playing throughout the holiday season. Dumbo and his pals on *Dumbo's Circus* will present a very special "Dumbo's Circus Christmas Show." And on two Mondays, December 15 and December 22 at 8:30 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time), there's a two-part episode of *Here's Boomer,* in which the lovable little vagabond discovers there is "Christmas for Boomer."

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5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!

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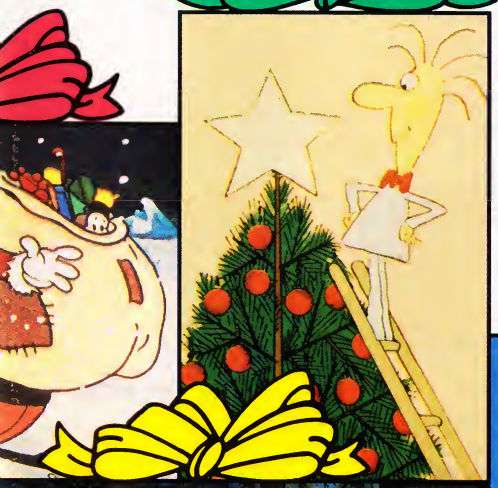
Holiday Episodes

Experience all the wonders of Christmas in The Hundred Acre Wood with Pooh, Eeyore, Tigger and the gang in "The Welcome to Pooh Corner Christmas Show." And on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern/Pacific time), join Toad, Rat, Mole and Badger on the Riverbank as they host the premiere of "The Yuletide Celebration" on *The Wind in the Willows.*

Holiday Season

programs and episodes from your favorite special *Mickey's Christmas Carol* to a new *DTV* magic for everyone in the family.

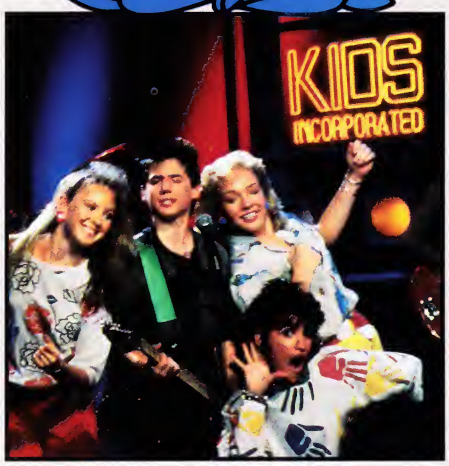
The Magic Kingdom's own holiday stage show is the centerpiece of *A Magic Kingdom Yuletide Special,* which airs beginning December 23 at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). On Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m., don't miss the heart-warming Disney animated Christmas special, *The Small One.*



Five Holiday Specials

Among the holiday specials appearing on The Disney Channel (clockwise from left), Shields and Yarnell star in the classic fairy tale "The Steadfast Tin Soldier," which will premiere on *Enchanted Musical Playhouse,* December 21 at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). Mickey Mouse portrays Bob Cratchit in a Disney adaptation of Dickens, *Mickey's Christmas Carol,* beginning December 7 at 5:30 p.m. Shari Lewis, Lambchop and the National Arts Centre of Canada are the stellar performers in the *Shari Lewis Christmas Concert,* which begins December 13 at 5:10 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). On Christmas Day, *The Best of Walt Disney Presents* offers the exclusive premiere of "From All of Us to All of You" at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). The Canadian animated special *George and the Star* airs beginning December 22 at 8:10 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time).

Kids Incorporated Rock In The New Year



All the fans of *Kids Incorporated,* those five super-talented performers with today's rock beat, are in for a real treat on New Year's Eve when "Rock In The New Year" premieres at 8:00 p.m. It's a special hour-long party hosted by that cool group. They'll be playing their top tunes, reminiscing about all the good times they've shared in the past year, and talking about their dreams and hopes in the new year. It's a night for celebration, and it's all for you, the fans of *Kids Incorporated,* when the band invites one and all to the New Year's biggest blast on Wednesday, December 31 at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time)!

Dec. 31; Jan. 2, 5, 10, 14

Puss in Boots
Puss wins some red boots at poker but starts a feud.
Dec. 9, 12, 21, 29; Jan. 7

Freckles
A freckle-faced boy becomes the hero of a logging camp.
Dec. 8, 11, 20, 31

Disney Channel Discovery
The Dog Who Stopped the War
A St. Bernard brings peace to kids waging a mock war. **Dec. 7, 10, 13, 23; Jan. 5**

Happy Birthday Mickey
A special salute to Mickey's finest moments.
Dec. 7, 12

Jack and the Beanstalk
A novel re-telling of the classic fairy tale.
Dec. 9, 15

Chautauqua Girl
A young woman organizes a Chautauqua show in her town.
Dec. 10, 16

The Red Shoes
A classic film about ballet.
Dec. 8, 14, 24

THE NORTH AVENUE IRREGULARS

Organized crime becomes the victim when a crusading reverend (Edward Herrmann) and a flock of his female followers turn their muscle against the mob. Barbara Harris, Susan Clark, Karen Valentine and Cloris Leachman also star.
Dec. 7, 10, 13, 18, 22, 27, 30; Jan. 2, 8, 11

THE WATER BABIES

In this British film, which blends live-action and animation, Tom, a runaway London chimney sweep, jumps into a whirlpool and a new world to avoid capture. There Tom must free the imprisoned Water Babies. **Dec. 7, 11, 27**

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY

This extraordinary eight-hour mini-series, which stars John Hammond, Stacy Keach and Gregory Peck as Abraham Lincoln, chronicles the bitter years of the Civil War, from John Brown's raid before the war began to the Gettysburg Address, from the siege of Vicksburg to Robert E. Lee's surrender and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

FATHER OF THE BRIDE

Spencer Tracy finds his household in chaos with the approach of his daughter's (Elizabeth Taylor) wedding.
Dec. 10, 15, 23, 27

Disney Channel DISCOVERY

THE BENIKER GANG

Five orphans who have vowed to remain together escape from their orphanage. The oldest of the five is Arthur Beniker (Andrew McCarthy), who supports his "siblings" by writing a gossip column under a pen name. But staying together—and free—proves difficult, and the fate of this "extended family" must finally be decided in court.
Dec. 8, 13, 18, 21, 26, 31

THIS WEEK

- **24 hour programming begins on The Disney Channel this Sunday, December 7th.**
- **An exciting two-hour episode starts off the highly acclaimed mini-series The Blue and the Gray, on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. (EST/PST). Regular one-hour episodes follow each Tuesday night.**

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Sunday, December 7

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Contraption
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows
9:30	10:30	MOVIE Water Babies (1:25)
11:00	12:00	The Mouse Factory *Harry Morgan "Trains"*
11:30	12:30	New Animal World
12:00	1:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY The Dog Who Stopped the War (1:29)
1:30	2:30	Disney Channel Preview
2:00	3:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *Pluto's Day*
3:00	4:00	MOVIE Happy Birthday Mickey
4:30	5:30	SPECIAL Mickey's Christmas Carol (0:26)
5:00	6:00	Danger Bay *Million Dollar Whale Song*
5:30	6:30	Animals in Action *Bird Bills*
6:00	7:00	MOVIE The Importance of Being Earnest (1:35)
7:40	8:40	DTV Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:40)
9:40	10:40	Zorro
10:00	11:00	Five Mile Creek
11:00	12:00	MOVIE Kiss Me Kate (1:49)
1:00	2:00	MOVIE The Importance of Being Earnest (1:35)
2:35	3:35	Disney Channel Preview
3:00	4:00	MOVIE Dancing in the Dark
4:35	5:35	Mickey's Christmas Carol

Monday, December 8

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Mary Poppins (2:19)
11:00	12:00	The Scheme of Things
11:30	12:30	MOVIE The Red Shoes (2:13)
1:45	2:45	DTV Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Danny and the Killer Rain*
5:00	6:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY The Beniker Gang (1:27)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	Still the Beaver *Growing Pains* Ⓢ
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8:00	9:00	MOVIE Freckles (1:24)
9:30	10:30	Danger Bay *Million Dollar Whale Song* Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Brigadoon (1:48)
12:30	1:30	SPECIAL The Restless Sea
1:30	2:30	MOVIE The Red Shoes (2:13)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Plausible Impossible*

Tuesday, December 9

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
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8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Puss In Boots (1:30)
10:00	11:00	Animals in Action *Bird Bills*
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *The City Fox*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Invitation to the Wedding (1:29)
1:30	2:30	Disney Channel Preview *December 7-January 17*
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
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3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *The Color of Friendship*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Jack and the Beanstalk (1:33)
6:35	7:35	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hours 1 & 2*
9:00	10:00	MOVIE The Meanest Man in the World (0:57)
10:00	11:00	The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	DISNEY CHANNEL PREMIERE FILM Down the Long Hills (1:35)
12:05	1:05	Disney Channel Preview
12:30	1:30	MOVIE Major Barbara (2:16)
3:00	4:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hours 1 & 2*

Just for Kids

THE DISNEY CHANNEL MAGAZINE'S

PULL-OUT SECTION

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I like The Disney Channel

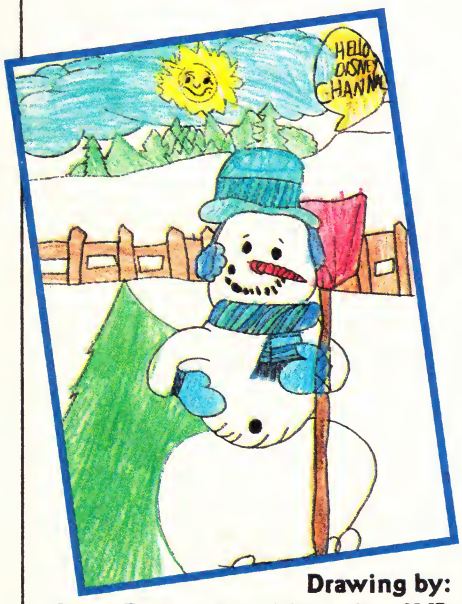
I love your programming. It's great. I finally got to watch *Return to Oz*, and my dad got to see *Alice in Wonderland*. Boy, am I glad we have The Disney Channel.

Andy Holland, Age 7
Kettering, OH

I like "Just for Kids"

I really like the Just for Kids Section that you have. My favorite parts in the magazine are "Pets and Pals" and "Write Your Own Comic." I find them really neat.

Bethany James, Age 11
Lanham, MD



Drawing by:
Stacy Dugan, 8½, Wenatchee, WA

Jaclyn and Craig Solenzio give their puppy a nippy nose.

Friends

A friend is someone special
Who's always by your side,
And when you look into his eyes
You know he hasn't lied.

He never laughs behind your back,
Or even to your face.
And then you know how real
friends are,
They love you in any case.

Submitted by:
Heather Graham, Age 11
Springfield, MO

The Magic of Walt Disney

Who created a mouse from a pencil
and a pad?
Who drew a wisecracking duck
to make us all glad?
Who made a dog to fill us
with glee?
It's from the magic of Walt Disney.

Who brought to life stories
colorful and bright?
Who worked so hard
day and night?
Who made an amusement park
for you and for me?
It's from the magic of Walt Disney.

Who made us all movies
to see?
Who made them forever
always to be?
Fifty-one awards, he has the key!
It's from the magic of Walt Disney.

Submitted by:
Darren Elms (Age 11)
Woodland Hills, CA

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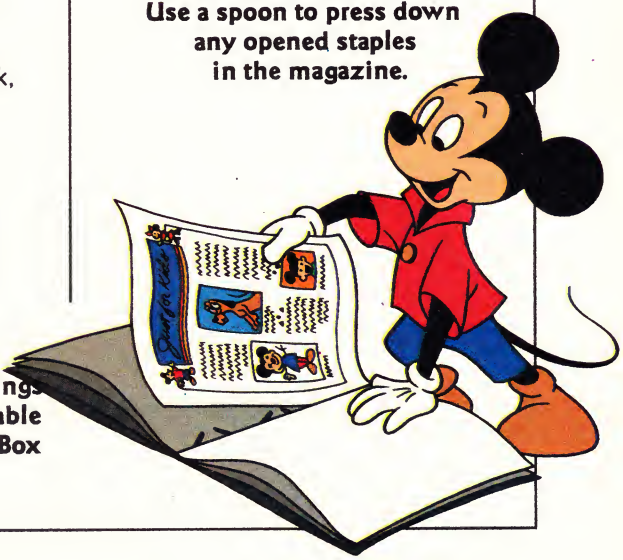

This is *your* section so we try to publish as many of your letters, drawings and poems as possible. Be sure to include your name, address and cable operator when you send your creations to Donald's Channel Chatter, P.O. Box 7790, Burbank, CA 91510.

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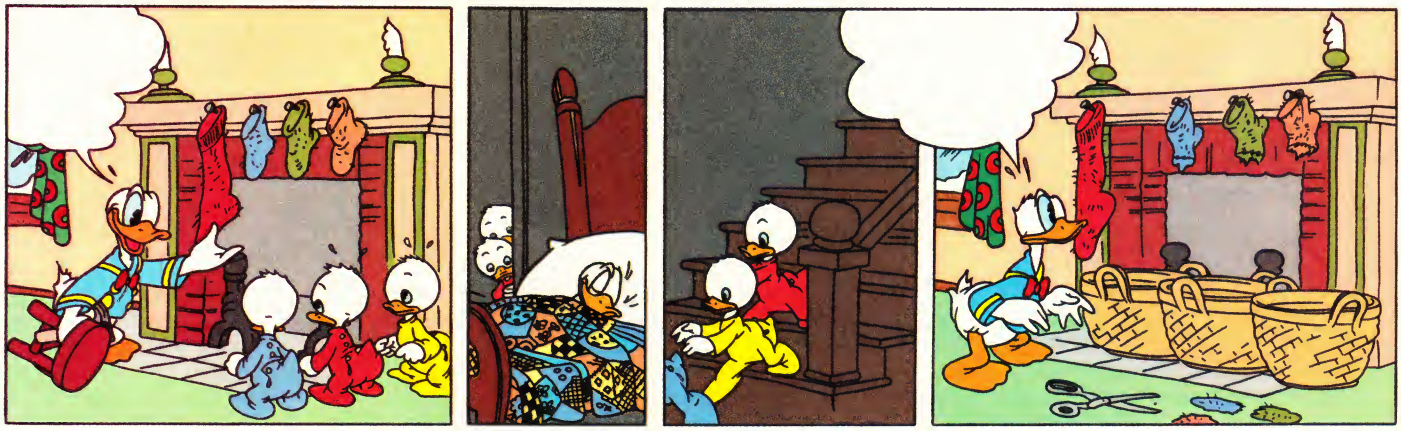
Connect the dots to draw a big-eared pet

The boy and his pet are scorned by people in the marketplace, but the animal becomes the hero of this touching Christmas story, "The Small One," a Disney Channel special.

WRITE YOUR OWN COMIC



DISNEY CHANNEL STARS TALK ABOUT THE BOOKS THEY LOVE

John Sebastian, star of *What a Day for a Daydream:*

My favorite books growing up were *Elves and Fairies*, illustrated by Garth Williams, and *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. My son John Charles, who is only a few months old, likes *Pat the Bunny*.

Meredith Salenger, star of *The Journey of Natty Gann:*

When I was growing up my favorite book was *Goodnight Moon*. *Goodnight Moon* (by Margaret Wise Brown) is a classic bedtime story about a boy who looks at the moon at night. It's full of beautiful feelings.

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

The Magic of READING

Books open up new worlds for all of us. There's adventure and drama found in novels and stories. You can discover how and why things work, from engines to airplanes to the very stars themselves. Books can take you to the past or to the future, into outer space or into the depths of the sea. It only requires one act of magic: reading.

That's why we're going to be devoting a page of "Just for Kids" to the magic of reading. It will be a page featuring excerpts from the latest and best books, interviews with the authors of those books, and most important of all, book reviews. And who gets to review those books? *You do.* The Disney Channel would love to read reviews of your favorite books—and we want to publish as many of them as we can (address is on page 17). This month, to get things rolling, we have two Disney Channel stars who will tell you about their favorite books.

Oh yes—on page 22 of "Just for Kids" you'll also find "The Poet's Corner". That's where you can practice another form of magic—the magic of writing.

Gingerbread Men, Women—and Mickey Mouse!

Recipe makes about 20 Mickey faces or 15 People
Play it safe: ask your parents to help you bake.

INGREDIENTS FOR COOKIES:
¼ cup butter, at room temperature
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup molasses
2½ cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons ginger
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg

ICING:
½ cup confectioners sugar
lemon juice
food coloring

To make the cookies:

With a fork, mix the brown sugar into the butter. When the lumps are gone, and it is a smooth, tan mixture, add the molasses. Stir until thoroughly mixed.

Measure each of the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, ginger and salt) into a sieve over a mixing bowl. Sift them together into the bowl.

In a small bowl, beat an egg with a fork until the white and the yellow are mixed.

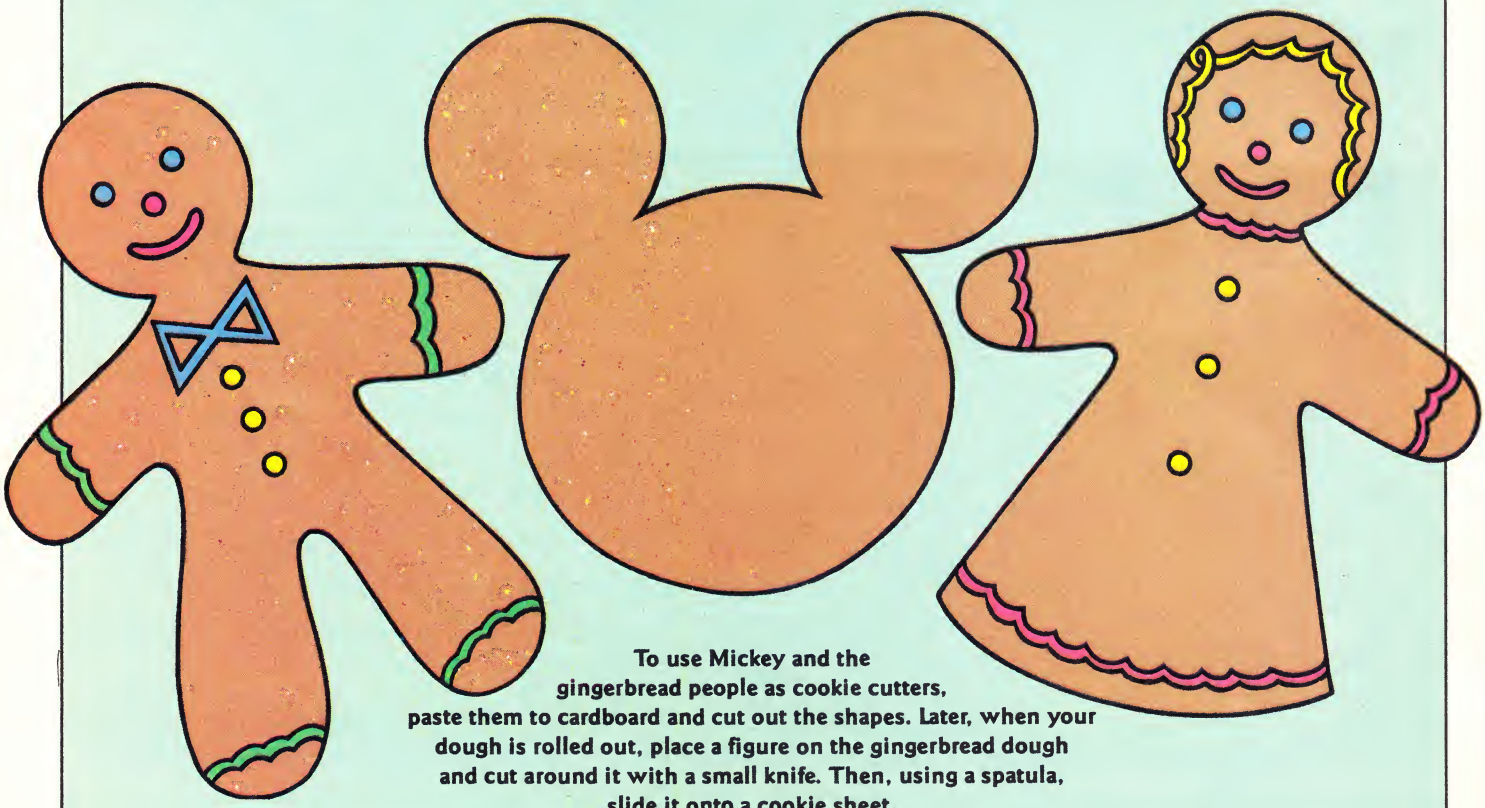
Take turns adding the flour and the egg to the butter mixture. You can add them in pretty large quantities, mixing thoroughly after each addition. When it gets too thick to stir with a fork, you'll have to mix it with your hands (Be sure to wash your hands first!)

Shape the mixture into a ball, and put it on a surface that has been sprinkled with flour, to prevent sticking. (Put some flour on the rolling pin, too.)

If it is still too sticky, add flour, a little at a time, and knead the batter until it is stretchy and can be rolled out easily. If it's too crumbly and will not form a ball, add water, just a few drops at a time, until you can roll it out.

Roll it at least ¼ inch thick, and cut out your shapes. Put them on a cookie sheet that you have lightly greased with butter or oil. Then bake in a preheated oven at 325 degrees. Cookies ¼ inch thick will take 8 to 10 minutes. Thicker cookies take longer.

For bright-colored icing, put the confectioners sugar in a bowl and add lemon juice, just a few drops at a time. (The icing should be thick so that it will not dribble off the cookie when you decorate it.) Divide the icing into four cups, and add a drop or two of food coloring to each cup.



To use Mickey and the gingerbread people as cookie cutters, paste them to cardboard and cut out the shapes. Later, when your dough is rolled out, place a figure on the gingerbread dough and cut around it with a small knife. Then, using a spatula, slide it onto a cookie sheet.

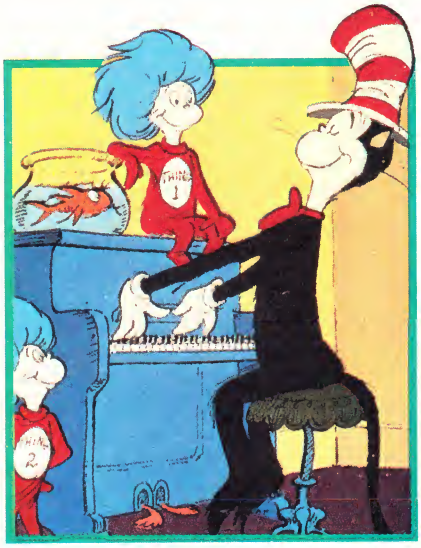
PROGRAMMING *Just for Kids*

SNOOPY, COME HOME

A lonely little girl writes to Snoopy, and the pooch responds by coming to visit, bringing along Woodstock the bird. She wants them to stay and live with her, but Snoopy wants to go back to Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang. Tune in December 20 at 7:00 p.m. (EST/PST).

THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER

The Enchanted Musical Playhouse is back December 21 at 5:30 p.m. (EST/PST), with a musical version of the fairy tale about a brave toy soldier and his tragic love for the ballerina doll. Bright-colored costumes and wonderful music make this holiday special a treasure.

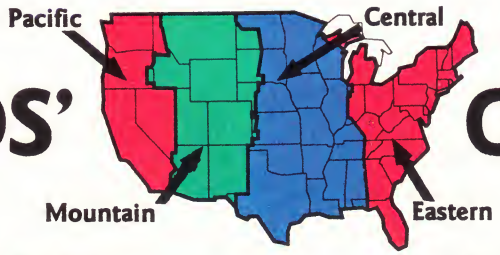


THE CAT IN THE HAT

Two children sit at the window. It's raining, and they're bored. But not for long. The cat with the very tall hat turns their house upside down, and a quiet day turns into a wild adventure, in this Dr. Seuss musical special, premiering December 30 at 6:00 p.m. (EST/PST).

New! Different shows morning and afternoon for *Dumbo's Circus* and *Welcome to Pooh Corner*.

KIDS' GRID



Monday through Friday

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Mousercise	6:30 am	7:30 am	5:30 am	6:30 am
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Dumbo's Circus	8:30 am	9:30 am	7:30 am	8:30 am
You and Me, Kid	9:00 am	10:00 am	8:00 am	9:00 am
Dumbo's Circus	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:00 pm
Welcome To Pooh Corner	3:30 pm	4:30 pm	2:30 pm	3:30 pm
Mickey Mouse Club	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm
Donald Duck Presents	4:30 pm	5:30 pm	3:30 pm	4:30 pm
KidScene	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	4:00 pm	5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

Donald Duck Presents	6:00 am	7:00 am	5:00 am	6:00 am
Contraption/Wish	6:30 am	7:30 am	5:30 am	6:30 am
Mousercise	7:00 am	8:00 am	6:00 am	7:00 am
You and Me, Kid	7:30 am	8:30 am	6:30 am	7:30 am
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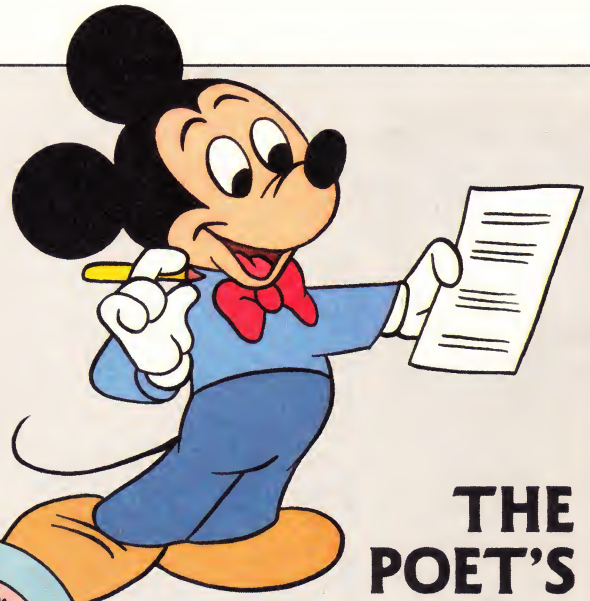
Donald Duck Presents	9:30 am	10:30 am	8:30 am	9:30 am
The Wind in the Willows	10:00 am	11:00 am	9:00 am	10:00 am
The Mouse Factory	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	11:30 am	12:30 pm



THE POET'S CORNER

There's another side to the magic of reading: the magic of writing. One of the most fun—and challenging—types of writing is poetry. Not only does poetry give you a way of expressing your feelings and looking at the world around you, it also sharpens your writing skills. Poetry demands that you choose every word for its maximum effect—the goal of all good writing.

How do you go about writing poetry? There are all sorts of techniques and forms to use. In "The Poet's Corner" we will explore a number of techniques and forms, from haiku to quatrains, from metaphor to simile. Then you can try your hand at each of these, composing your very own poems. And of course, we'll be pleased to publish many of your examples in our "Letters, Drawings, and Poems" section of "Just For Kids".

Now let's look at one of the shortest—and most beautiful—of poems, the Japanese haiku. A haiku is a three-line poem. It doesn't have to rhyme. But there is a form to follow: the words of the first and last lines must contain only five syllables in all. The second line is seven syllables long. The haiku also refers to a season, using an image from nature to go with the poet's feelings. The greatest writer of haiku was the Japanese poet Basho, who lived 300 years ago. Below are two examples of famous haiku plus one written for *The Disney Channel Magazine.* Take a good look at them, and then try writing your own.

Black rain clouds, a crow
sits silent on a bare branch:
autumn has ended.
—Basho

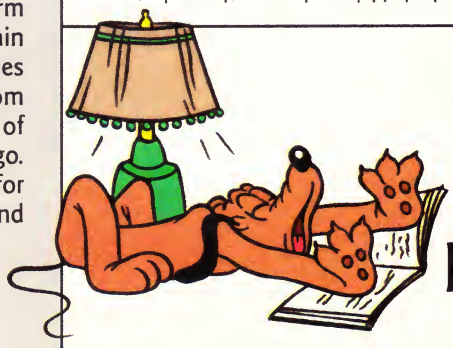
It is planting time:
People bend and rise in the
field like green rice shoots.
—Buson

Spring cleaning and dust
flies. The cat naps in a beam
of gentle sunlight.

A HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH

How many holiday words can you find inside Tinker Bell's present? Look across, down and diagonally to locate a total of 34! (Some words share letters.)

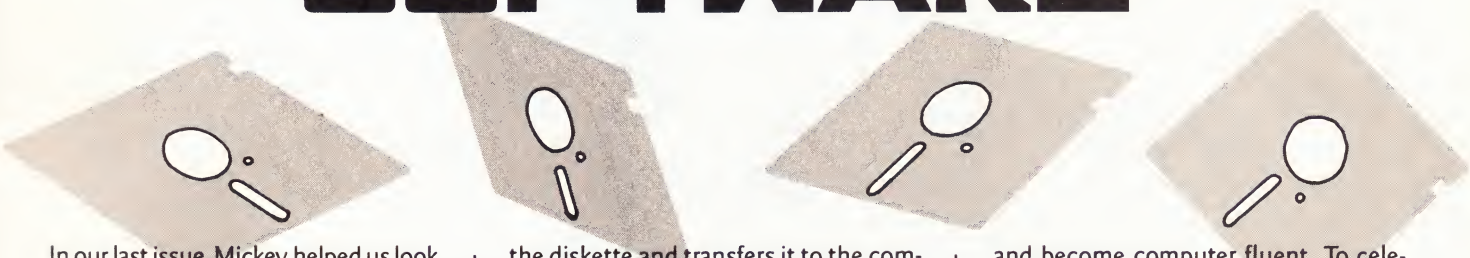
ANSWERS: Hanukkah, menorah, dreidel, creche, wreath, carol, star, gift, noel, angel, holly, card, eve, cane, cranberry, wise men, candle, holidays, snow, stockings, mistletoe, tree, merry, yule, seasons, greetings, elves, sleigh, reindeer, ornaments, evergreen, Saint Nicholas.



FIND IT IN THE LIBRARY

Two special movies playing on The Disney Channel were inspired by books—and one movie actually led to two books being written! ***The Journey of Natty Gann*** was originally a film written by Jeanne Rosenberg. Her screenplay inspired the young adult novel of the same title written by Ann Matthews, who also wrote ***The Journey of Natty Gann Storybook*** for younger readers. ***Gulliver's Travels*** is based on Jonathan Swift's novel of the same title. E.T.A. Hoffman wrote "The Nutcracker", which inspired the animated film ***Nutcracker Fantasy.*** (The movie also features Peter Tchaikovsky's music from his famous ballet ***The Nutcracker Suite.)***

FUN FACTS ABOUT SOFTWARE



In our last issue, Mickey helped us look at computer hardware. But a terminal, and computer memory and a printer can't do a thing by themselves. They need instructions—and someone to give them.

That's where computer software comes into the picture. Software is a computer program, a set of instructions that tells the computer just what to do. But how does that work?

Programs are written in computer "languages." These languages have names like Basic and Cobol and Fortran. It helps to know just what language your computer understands when you talk to it. (Imagine trying to talk to a French person in English or Japanese!)

Of course, there are lots of programs that are already written in computer languages. (We've looked at a number of software packages in the last two issues.) This kind of software is called "pre-packaged software." This can be in the form of a cassette or a cartridge or, as in many home computers, a "floppy disk" or "diskette," which stores information and programs.

The diskette is loaded into a " disk drive." This "reads" the information on the diskette and transfers it to the computer's memory. Then the computer's microprocessor (remember that diagram of a microprocessor in last issue) processes the information. After that, every time you touch the keyboard, the computer responds to your command. If your command doesn't make sense, the computer tells you so.

Now, pre-packaged software comes in two types. The first type, which is used for a lot of games, has all the work done for you. In the second, you have a "framework" (like an account ledger to keep track of your allowance)—and you get to fill it in with your own information, which you can store.

Of course, once you're computer fluent, you can do your own programming. That's a four-step process. First, pick a task for your machine. Then break the task down step-by-step. Next, diagram your commands into a flow chart. Use the keyboard to enter your commands into the computer, using the right computer language. Then run your program, and presto!

Those are some fun facts about software. Now that you know the basics about computers, you're ready to go out and become computer fluent. To celebrate, here's some pre-packaged software for you.

KERMIT'S ELECTRONIC STORYMAKER

This program is perfect for family members in the first through third grades. You make up a story starring Kermit and his Muppet friends. Then you can read the story while Kermit acts it out on screen.

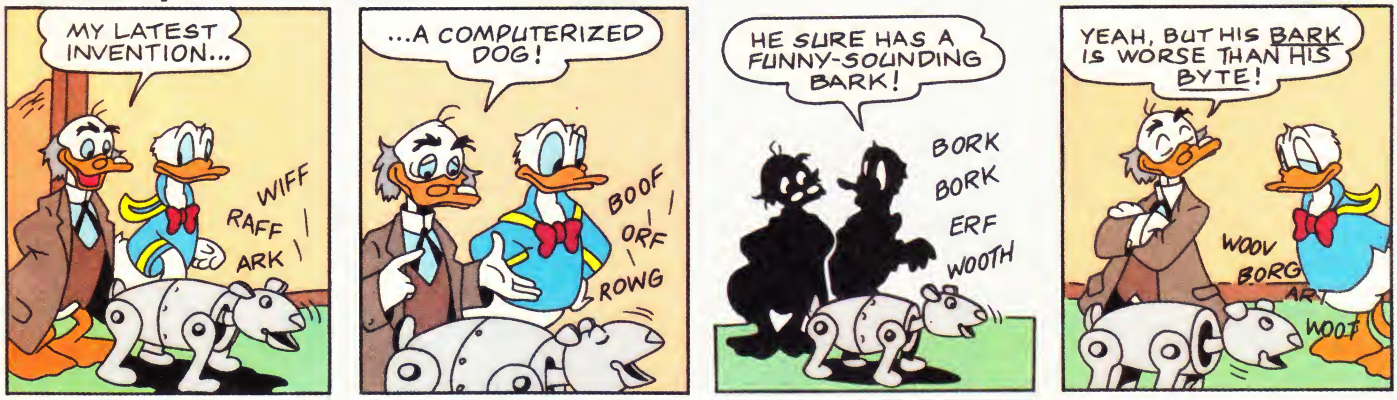
GOOFY'S WORD FACTORY

If you think Kermit's Electronic Storymaker is fun, but a little too young for you, try this software for grades three through seven. It'll teach you really keen words, and if you use them in a story, the story comes to life with Disney characters acting it out.

COSMIC CARNIVAL

What makes an enterprise like Disneyland go? Find out when you're placed in command of a computer-simulated amusement park—and you have to call all the shots. This one is for grades 7 through 12, but Mom and Dad may want to check it out, too!

Walt Disney's DONALD DUCK ®



Oh, it can't be! That evil (SESAMGORT) ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ has captured (P'NAC HURNCC) ☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐! Now, shut behind a (OROD) ☐☐☐☐☐, locked with a (EKY) ☐☐☐☐, our hero is trapped somewhere in (DOSNALG) ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐!

Can you help free the Cap'n? Boxes of Cap'n Crunch Cereal have exciting games, clues, and secret phone numbers to tell you how! If you do free him, you could win a share of $1,000,000! But hurry! Or Cap'n Crunch <u>and</u> his (NURCCH WROPE) ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐☐☐ may be finished!

No purchase necessary. For full rules and free Rescue Kit write to: "Free The Cap'n" Rescue Kit, P.O. Box 3079, Syosset, NY 11775. Sweepstakes expires Feb. 14, 1987.

ANSWERS: Sogmaster, Cap'n Crunch, Door, Key, Sogland, Crunch Power

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THE MEANEST MAN IN THE WORLD

The late Jack Benny is hilarious as a small-town lawyer who changes his image from mild-mannered to merely mean, all to improve his business! **Dec. 9, 13, 16, 18, 22**

WEEKLY SERIES

The Blue and the Gray
In Hours One and Two, the Southern states secede from the Union after Lincoln's election.
Dec. 9, 13

Five Mile Creek
The Five Mile Creekers enjoy "Thanksgiving," but trouble looms ahead.
Dec. 12, 14

The Wind in the Willows
Toad wants to turn Toad Hall into a school in "School Days."
Dec. 7, 11, 13

Here's Boomer
Boomer teaches a young comic how to "Make 'Em Laugh."
Dec. 8, 12

The Edison Twins
Annie nearly misses her trip to Italy in "Continental Twist."
Dec. 10, 13, 15

Danger Bay
In "Best of Intentions," a seal is kidnapped from the Aquarium.
Dec. 10, 12, 14, 15

Animals in Action
"Bird Bills" looks at beaks.
Dec. 7, 9, 10

Zorro
Los Angeles rejoices at "The Fall of Monastario."
Dec. 12, 14, 15

The Best of Walt Disney Presents
"Your Host, Donald Duck."
Dec. 11, 13, 14

Still the Beaver
Oliver experiences "Growing Pains" when he defies Beaver.
Dec. 8, 11, 13

The Mouse Factory
Harry Morgan loves "Trains."
Dec. 7, 10

ONE MAGIC CHRISTMAS

The Grainger family faces a series of disasters as Christmas nears, leaving Ginny Grainger (Mary Steenburgen) feeling and acting like Scrooge. Then Ginny's daughter Abbie (Elizabeth Harnois) meets Gideon (Harry Dean Stanton), a Christmas Angel. Gideon takes Abbie to meet Santa Claus and then proceeds to restore Ginny's faith in the spirit of Christmas through a number of wondrous miracles.
Dec. 13, 16, 19, 25, 28, 31; Jan. 2, 6, 10, 14

SACRED GROUND

Tim McIntire is the stalwart mountain man who must bear the consequences after he settles his Apache wife and their child on a sacred Paiute burial ground.
Dec. 11, 14, 19, 28, 30; Jan. 5, 15

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Michael Redgrave is Jack Worthing, who wishes to marry Lady Bracknell's daughter, only to discover he isn't "Earnest" enough.
Dec. 7, 13, 17, 23

Wednesday, December 10

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:40)
10:30	11:30	SPECIAL The Making of Disney's Captain EO
11:30	12:30	SPECIAL Mickey's Christmas Carol
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Life of Riley (1:27)
1:30	2:30	The Mouse Factory
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Billy Breaks the Chain*
5:00	6:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY The Dog Who Stopped the War (1:29)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Edison Twins *The Continental Twist* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Danger Bay *The Best of Intentions* Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Father of the Bride
9:35	10:35	Animals in Action *Bird Bills*
10:05	11:05	The Best of Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Chautauqua Girl (1:45)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE The Life of Riley (1:27)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Father of the Bride
3:35	4:35	The Scheme of Things
4:05	5:05	Walt Disney Presents *Mickey's Greatest Adventures*

Thursday, December 11

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Freckles (1:24)
10:00	11:00	Still the Beaver
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Fantasy on Skis*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	DISNEY CHANNEL PREMIERE FILM Down the Long Hills
1:35	2:35	The Wind in the Willows
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
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3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Ann of the Wolf Clan*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Water Babies (1:24)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *Your Host, Donald Duck*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
9:45	10:45	DTV Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend (1:17)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The 39 Steps (1:26)
1:30	2:30	The Scheme of Things
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
3:45	4:45	DTV Ⓢ
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Fantasy on Skis*

Friday, December 12

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Happy Birthday Mickey (1:28)
10:00	11:00	Here's Boomer
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *His Majesty the King of Beasts*
11:30	12:30	The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet *A Day in Bed*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Man in the White Suit (1:25)
1:30	2:30	Danger Bay
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Spread Your Wings: Serema's Mask*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Puss In Boots (1:30)
6:30	7:30	Zorro *The Fall of Monastario*
7:00	8:00	Five Mile Creek *Thanksgiving*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Mary Poppins (2:19)
10:20	11:20	DTV Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Invitation to the Wedding (1:28)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Man in the White Suit (1:25)
1:30	2:30	MOVIE Mary Poppins (2:19)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *His Majesty the King of Beasts*

Saturday, December 13

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Contraption
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows
9:30	10:30	MOVIE The Dog Who Stopped the War (1:29)
11:00	12:00	The Edison Twins
11:30	12:30	Mickey's Christmas Carol
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Meanest Man in the World (0:57)
1:00	2:00	MOVIE The Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend (1:17)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:40)
4:10	5:10	SPECIAL Shari Lewis Christmas Concert (0:49)
5:00	6:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet
5:30	6:30	Still the Beaver *Growing Pains* Ⓢ
6:00	7:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas
7:30	8:30	SPECIAL Skyward Christmas
8:30	9:30	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY The Beniker Gang (1:27)
10:00	11:00	MOVIE The Importance of Being Earnest (1:35) plus DTV
12:00	1:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hours 1 & 2*
2:00	3:00	MOVIE The Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend (1:17)
3:30	4:30	New Animal World
4:00	5:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents

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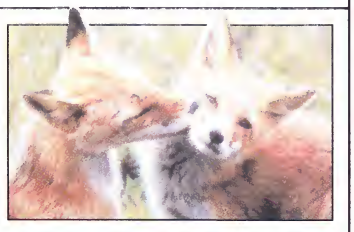
ALMOST ANGELS

A young Austrian boy joins the internationally renowned Vienna Boys Choir, where he finds both exacting discipline and fun in the prestigious singing academy. Filmed on location in Austria, this delightful film is full of beautiful scenery and stunning musical performances featuring the Vienna Boys Choir.
Dec. 19, 24, 27; Jan. 1, 4, 6, 10, 16

SHARI LEWIS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Shari Lewis hosts a fun-filled special devoted to Santa Claus. The versatile ventriloquist, singer, and dancer adds a new dimension to her talents when she conducts the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Canada.
Dec. 13, 18, 24



THE GLACIER FOX

The distinguished Canadian actor Arthur Hill (who also appears in *One Magic Christmas*), narrates this engrossing wildlife film which documents the life cycles of a family of foxes living on Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four major islands and the one that lies closest to Japan's maritime border with the giant Soviet Union.
Dec. 14, 17, 20, 22

WEEKLY SERIES

Danger Bay
"Doc" Roberts changes places with a country counterpart in "Vet's Holiday."
Dec. 17, 19, 21

Animals in Action
"The Most Dangerous Animals."
Dec. 14, 16, 18

Zorro
The new commandant of Los Angeles is murdered in "Shadow of a Doubt."
Dec. 19, 21

Here's Boomer
"Christmas for Boomer" is part one of a two-part holiday episode.
Dec. 15, 19

The Edison Twins
Tom and Annie help arrange an underwater marriage in "Vows from the Deep."
Dec. 17, 20, 22

The Blue and the Gray
The first years of the war go badly for the North, but losses mount on both sides.
Dec. 16, 20

The Wind in the Willows
Can "Badger's Remedy" save a stricken Mole?
Dec. 14, 17, 20

Five Mile Creek
Accused of murder, Jack may face "The Hangman's Noose."
Dec. 19, 21

The Best of Walt Disney Presents
Enjoy "A Magical Disney Christmas." **Dec. 18, 21**

Still the Beaver
Oliver joins "The Gladiators."
Dec. 15, 18, 20

The Mouse Factory
Bill Dana on "Noah's Ark."
Dec. 14

THE LITTLE PRINCE

This beguiling musical tells the story of a little prince who leaves the asteroid that he rules to learn about life on the planet Earth. **Dec. 14, 20, 23, 28**

THIS WEEK

- **Don't miss "Christmas for Boomer," a special two-part holiday episode about the lovable mutt on Here's Boomer, this Monday night and next.**
- **Down the Long Hills, a Disney Channel Premiere Film, is a magnificently filmed adaptation of the best-selling author Louis L'Amour's Western novel.**

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Sunday, December 14

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Wish Upon a Star
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *Badger's Remedy*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE The Glacier Fox (1:29)
11:00	12:00	The Mouse Factory *Bill Dana "Noah's Ark"*
11:30	12:30	SPECIAL The Making of Disney's Captain EO (1:00)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE The Pirates of Tortuga (1:37)
2:00	3:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *Your Host, Donald Duck*
3:00	4:00	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
4:40	5:40	Mouseterpiece Theater
5:00	6:00	Danger Bay *The Best of Intentions* Ⓢ
5:30	6:30	Animals in Action *Dangerous Animals*
6:00	7:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Little Prince (1:28)
9:30	10:30	Zorro *The Fall of Monastario*
10:00	11:00	Five Mile Creek *Thanksgiving*
11:00	12:00	MOVIE The Red Shoes (2:13)
1:15	2:15	MOVIE The Pirates of Tortuga (1:37)
3:00	4:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)

Monday, December 15

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Jack and the Beanstalk (1:32)
10:05	11:05	The Edison Twins
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *The Silver Fox and Sam Davenport*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Father of the Bride
1:35	2:35	SPECIAL Mickey's Christmas Carol (0:25)
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene, *Kids Incorporated* plus *Grandma Didn't Wave Back*
5:00	6:00	DISNEY CHANNEL PREMIERE FILM: Down the Long Hills
6:35	7:35	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	Still the Beaver *Gladiators* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Here's Boomer *Christmas for Boomer (Part I)*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Genevieve (1:26)
9:30	10:30	Danger Bay
10:00	11:00	Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Life of Riley (1:27)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Father of the Bride
1:35	2:35	Zorro *The Fall of Monastario*
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Genevieve (1:26)
3:30	4:30	New Animal World
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Tuesday, December 16

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:28) [cc]
10:00	11:00	Animals in Action *Dangerous Animals*
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Donald's Award*
11:30	12:30	The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet *Football Hero*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Chautauqua Girl (1:55)
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Dear Lovely Hart, I'm Desperate*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Nutcracker Fantasy (1:21)
6:30	7:30	SPECIAL The Small One (0:25)
7:00	8:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hour 3*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend (1:17)
10:00	11:00	Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Mary Poppins (2:18) [cc]
1:00	2:00	MOVIE Chautauqua Girl (1:55)
3:00	4:00	MOVIE The Meanest Man in the World (0:57)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Donald's Award*

THE JOURNEY OF NATTY GANN

In the Depression years of the Thirties, Natty is left behind when her father departs Chicago for work in the state of Washington (her mother had died). Refusing to wait until he sends for her, the courageous Natty takes to the rails in this thrilling cross-country adventure, which makes its world television premiere on The Disney Channel. **Dec. 20, 24, 26; Jan. 1, 4, 7, 12, 16**

Disney Channel Premiere Film

DOWN THE LONG HILLS

A war party of fierce Comanche massacres a wagon train, leaving two young children as the only survivors. They must make their own way to safety in this epic adventure of life on the American frontier. **Dec. 9, 11, 15, 19, 21**

THE BISHOP'S WIFE

Cary Grant is an angel who comes to earth to teach an Episcopalian bishop (David Niven) to care more for people than building cathedrals. Loretta Young plays the bishop's wife. **Dec. 14, 20, 24, 29; Jan. 1, 4, 6, 9**

SNOOPY COME HOME

A little girl who has been sick writes to Snoopy, and he responds with a visit. This delightful Peanuts feature includes the whole gang and songs by the Sherman brothers (*Mary Poppins*). **Dec. 20, 26; Jan. 3, 8, 12, 14**

King Solomon's Mines
A white hunter searches for diamonds in the heart of Africa. **Dec. 18, 23, 29**

Genevieve
Two old-car buffs and rivals hold a friendly race.
Dec. 15, 19, 21, 27, 30

Brigadoon
Gene Kelly and Cyd Charisse star in this classic musical.
Dec. 8, 17, 26

The Life of Riley
William Bendix plays a downtrodden family man who suddenly wins big.
Dec. 10, 15

The Man in the White Suit
An inventor (Alec Guinness) creates an uproar in the garment industry.
Dec. 12, 17

The Beautiful Blonde From Bashful Bend
Betty Grable stars in a Wild West farce.
Dec. 11, 13, 16

Pirates of Tortuga
A sailor poses as a pirate on the Spanish Main.
Dec. 14, 18

Wednesday, December 17

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	SPECIAL Skyward Christmas (1:00)
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Carlo, the Sierra Coyote*
11:30	12:30	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet *Evening with Hamlet*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Importance of Being Earnest (1:35)
1:35	2:35	The Wind in the Willows *Badger's Remedy*
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	SPECIAL The Making of Disney's Captain EO
5:00	6:00	MOVIE The Glacier Fox (1:29)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Edison Twins *Vows from the Deep* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Danger Bay *Vet's Holiday* Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Brigadoon (1:48)
10:00	11:00	The Best of Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Man in the White Suit (1:24)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Importance of Being Earnest (1:35)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Brigadoon (1:48)
4:00	5:00	SPECIAL The Making of Disney's Captain EO

Thursday, December 18

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: The Beniker Gang (1:26)
10:00	11:00	Still the Beaver *Gladiators* Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *A Salute to Alaska*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Meanest Man in the World (0:57)
1:00	2:00	SPECIAL Shari Lewis Christmas Concert (0:48)
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Do Me a Favor, Please Don't Vote for My Mom*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39)
6:40	7:40	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *A Magical Disney Christmas*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE King Solomon's Mines
9:30	10:30	Animals in Action
10:00	11:00	Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Pirates of Tortuga
12:10	1:10	MOVIE Major Barbara (2:16)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE King Solomon's Mines (1:18)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Friday, December 19

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	DISNEY CHANNEL PREMIERE FILM: Down the Long Hills (1:35)
10:05	11:05	Here's Boomer *Christmas For Boomer* (Part I)
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Donald's Weekend*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Genevieve (1:26)
1:30	2:30	Danger Bay *Vet's Holiday* Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Andrew*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
6:35	7:35	Zorro *Shadow of Doubt*
7:00	8:00	Five Mile Creek *Hangman's Noose*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:28) [cc]
9:30	10:30	SPECIAL Mickey's Christmas Carol (0:25)
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
12:15	1:15	DTV Ⓢ
12:30	1:30	MOVIE Scott of the Antarctic (1:49)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:28) [cc]
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Saturday, December 20

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Wish Upon a Star
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *Badger's Remedy*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE The Little Prince (1:28)
11:00	12:00	The Edison Twins *Vows from the Deep* Ⓢ
11:30	12:30	MOVIE Freckles (1:24)
1:00	2:00	MOVIE Glacier Fox (1:29)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE Major Barbara (2:16)
5:00	6:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet *A Matter of Inches*
5:30	6:30	Still the Beaver *Gladiators* Ⓢ
6:00	7:00	MOVIE Snoopy, Come Home (1:10)
7:30	8:30	SPECIAL The Night Before Christmas (0:30)
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
9:45	10:45	DTV Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hour 3*
11:00	12:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)
1:00	2:00	MOVIE Freckles (1:24)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
4:30	5:30	SPECIAL The Night Before Christmas (0:30)

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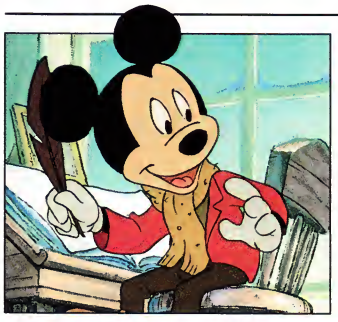
MY FAIR LADY

Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn star in this multiple-Oscar-winning musical, appearing exclusively on The Disney Channel. Based on George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion,* about an arrogant professor who makes a lady out of a Cockney flower girl, the musical was scored by Lerner and Loewe and includes such memorable tunes as "The Rain in Spain" and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face."
Dec. 25, 28; Jan. 2, 6, 11, 16



MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

Mickey portrays Bob Cratchit, the father of young Tiny Tim and the downtrodden employee of the most hard-hearted of bosses, Scrooge McDuck, in this heart-warming adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
Dec. 7, 10, 13, 15, 19, 24, 25, 27

A MAGIC KINGDOM YULETIDE SPECIAL

This musical special brings you the joy and glitter of Disneyland at holiday time.
Dec. 21, 23, 26, 31

GEORGE AND THE STAR

Dec. 22, 25, 28, 30

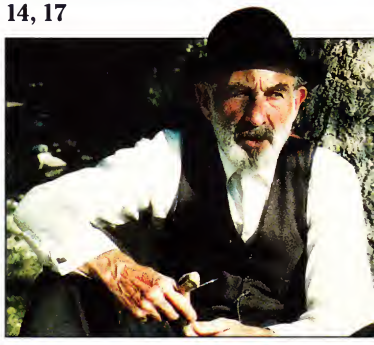
THE LITTLE SHEPHERD OF KINGDOM COME

Singer Jimmie Rodgers made his film debut in this story of a young man who fought for the North in the Civil War, and his readjustment to rural life. Rodgers also sings two numbers in this moving family film.
Dec. 21, 26, 31; Jan. 3, 8, 12

Disney Channel DISCOVERY

TRAMP AT THE DOOR

This award-winning film, recently shown at The Venice Film Festival, is the tale of an old, strange drifter who manages to transform the lonely lives of a small Canadian family.
Dec. 27; Jan. 1, 5, 9, 14, 17



SKYWARD CHRISTMAS

A teenage girl pilot who's a paraplegic makes a risky flight for Christmas.
Dec. 13, 17, 22, 24

THIS WEEK

We've put together a special lineup of holiday programming on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: festive musical specials, seasonal episodes of regular series, and great feature films with a touch of Christmas.

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Sunday, December 21

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Contraption
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *The Yuletide Entertainment*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE Puss In Boots (1:30)
11:00	12:00	SPECIAL The Small One (0:25)
11:30	12:30	The Mouse Factory
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Nutcracker Fantasy
1:30	2:30	SPECIAL A Magic Kingdom Yuletide Special (0:27)
2:00	3:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents
3:00	4:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: The Beniker Gang (1:26)
4:30	5:30	MUSICAL PLAYHOUSE: The Steadfast Tin Soldier
5:00	6:00	Danger Bay *Vet's Holiday* Ⓢ
5:30	6:30	Animals in Action *Temperature Control*
6:00	7:00	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48) DTV
8:00	9:00	Down the Long Hills
9:35	10:35	Zorro *Shadow of Doubt*
10:00	11:00	Five Mile Creek
11:00	12:00	MOVIE Genevieve (1:26)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE The 39 Steps (1:25)
2:00	3:00	DISNEY CHANNEL PREMIERE FILM: Down the Long Hills (1:35) plus DTV Ⓢ
4:00	5:00	SPECIAL A Magic Kingdom Yuletide Special (0:27)
4:30	5:30	SPECIAL The Small One (0:25)

Monday, December 22

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE The Glacier Fox (1:29)
10:00	11:00	The Edison Twins
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Peter and the Wolf*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39) plus DTV
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated*
4:30	5:30	MOVIE Mary Poppins [cc]
7:00	8:00	SPECIAL George and the Star
7:30	8:30	Here's Boomer
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Meanest Man in the World (0:57)
9:00	10:00	SPECIAL The Making of Disney's Captain EO (1:00)
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Invitation to the Wedding (1:28)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39) DTV Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	MOVIE The Meanest Man in the World (0:57)
3:00	4:00	SPECIAL Skyward Christmas
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Tuesday, December 23

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: The Dog Who Stopped the War (1:29)
10:00	11:00	The Wind in the Willows *The Yuletide Entertainment*
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Holiday Time at Disneyland*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE King Solomon's Mines
1:30	2:30	The Mouse Factory
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *The Pinballs*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE The Little Prince
6:30	7:30	SPECIAL A Magic Kingdom Yuletide Special (0:27)
7:00	8:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hour 4*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Importance of Being Earnest (1:35)
9:35	10:35	SPECIAL The Small One (0:25)
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Father of the Bride
12:30	1:30	MOVIE King Solomon's Mines (1:18)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE The Importance of Being Earnest (1:35)
3:40	4:40	New Animal World
4:10	5:10	Walt Disney Presents

THE SMALL ONE

When a young boy must sell his pet donkey, "Small One," he manages to find gentle new owners for the beast: a couple traveling to Bethlehem.
Dec. 16, 21, 23, 25, 27

NUTCRACKER FANTASY

The tale of Clara's adventures in a fantastic world on Christmas Eve is told in stop-action animation, accompanied by Tchaikovsky's ballet score.
Dec. 16, 21, 25, 29; Jan. 10, 14

O. HENRY'S FULL HOUSE

A star-studded cast collaborated on this film version of five short stories by the American humorist O. Henry, including *The Gift of the Magi.* **Dec. 25, 30; Jan. 3, 7, 12**

WEEKLY SERIES

The Blue and the Gray
John Keyser's fame as an artist grows in "Hour 4."
Dec. 23, 27

Five Mile Creek
An ace driver attempts to establish a rival stage line in "The Challenge."
Dec. 26, 28

The Wind in the Willows
Badger, Mole, Rat, and of course Mr. Toad host "The Yuletide Entertainment."
Dec. 21, 23, 27

Here's Boomer
This week it's part two of "Christmas for Boomer."
Dec. 22, 26

The Edison Twins
Tom and Annie find themselves at odds over Tom living in the lab in "Home Sweet Home."
Dec. 24, 27, 29

Danger Bay
Nicole is frightened by a runaway in "Eye of the Storm."
Dec. 24, 28, 29

Animals in Action
"Temperature Control" explains how animals maintain body temperature in various climates. **Dec. 21**

Zorro
The Eagle frames Sergeant Garcia, and "Garcia Stands Accused" of being a bandit.
Dec. 26

The Best of Walt Disney Presents
It's the premiere of "From All of Us to All of You," a Christmas program. **Dec. 25, 28**

The Mouse Factory
Annette looks at the funny, waddling world of "Penguins."
Dec. 21, 23

MARY POPPINS

Julie Andrews is the fun-loving Nannie in this Disney classic, which combines live-action and animation in a way that can only be described as true magic.
Dec. 8, 12, 16, 22, 25

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

This animated musical drama tells how Professor Clement Moore was inspired to write "A Visit from St. Nicholas." **Dec. 20, 24, 27**

An Invitation to the Wedding
Mishap threatens a wedding.
Dec. 9, 12, 22; Jan. 5

Wednesday, December 24

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
10:05	11:05	MUSICAL PLAYHOUSE: The Steadfast Tin Soldier
10:35	11:35	SPECIAL Shari Lewis Christmas Concert (0:48)
11:30	12:30	Ozzie and Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Red Shoes (2:13)
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Sophie Minds the Store*
5:00	6:00	SPECIAL Mickey's Christmas Carol (0:25)
5:30	6:30	SPECIAL The Night Before Christmas (0:30)
6:00	7:00	SPECIAL Skyward Christmas
7:00	8:00	The Edison Twins *Home Sweet Home* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Danger Bay *Eye of the Storm* Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
12:15	1:15	MOVIE The Red Shoes (2:13)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)
4:30	5:30	SPECIAL The Night Before Christmas (0:30)

Thursday, December 25

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Nutcracker Fantasy (1:21)
10:00	11:00	Mickey's Christmas Carol
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Christmas at Walt Disney World*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Mary Poppins (2:18) [cc]
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Nikkolina*
4:30	5:30	SPECIAL George and the Star
5:00	6:00	SPECIAL The Small One
5:30	6:30	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:28)
7:00	8:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *From All of Us to All of You*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
11:00	12:00	MOVIE O. Henry's Full House (1:57)
1:00	2:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *From All of Us to All of You*
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Mary Poppins (2:18) [cc]
4:30	5:30	SPECIAL Mickey's Christmas Carol (0:25)

Friday, December 26

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
10:15	11:15	Here's Boomer
10:45	11:45	Walt Disney Presents *Backstage Party*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48)
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *China Journal*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Snoopy Come Home plus DTV Ⓢ
6:30	7:30	Zorro *Garcia Stands Accused*
7:00	8:00	Five Mile Creek *Challenge*
8:00	9:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: The Beniker Gang (1:26)
9:30	10:30	SPECIAL A Magic Kingdom Yuletide Special (0:27)
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Brigadoon (1:48)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48)
2:00	3:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: The Beniker Gang (1:26)
3:30	4:30	SPECIAL A Magic Kingdom Yuletide Special (0:27)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Saturday, December 27

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Contraption
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows
9:30	10:30	MOVIE Water Babies (1:24)
11:00	12:00	SPECIAL The Night Before Christmas (0:30)
11:30	12:30	The Edison Twins
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Father of the Bride
1:30	2:30	MOVIE Genevieve (1:26)
3:00	4:00	MOVIE Scott of the Antarctic (1:49) plus DTV Ⓢ
5:00	6:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet
5:30	6:30	THE ENCHANTED MUSICAL PLAYHOUSE: The Steadfast Tin Soldier (0:30)
6:00	7:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: Tramp at the Door (1:20)
7:30	8:30	The Raccoons *Gold Rush* Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
9:35	10:35	SPECIAL Mickey's Christmas Carol (0:25)
10:00	11:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hour 4*
11:00	12:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39) DTV Ⓢ
1:00	2:00	MOVIE Genevieve (1:26)
2:30	3:30	SPECIAL The Small One (0:25)
3:00	4:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: Tramp at the Door (1:20)
4:30	5:30	MUSICAL PLAYHOUSE: The Steadfast Tin Soldier

THE BEST OF WALT DISNEY PRESENTS

You'll see the finest animation and a variety of short subjects, all selected from "The Wonderful World of Disney," every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time).

WEEKLY SERIES

The Blue and the Gray
The tide of battle begins to turn against the South in the premiere of Hour Five.
Jan. 3, 6

Five Mile Creek
"Blood, Sweat and Faith" provide different answers to Maggie and Ben Scott's problems.
Jan. 2, 4

The Wind in the Willows
With the snowfall, Toad challenges the weasels to a contest of "Winter Sports."
Dec. 28; Jan. 1, 3

Here's Boomer
Molly is thought to be retarded, until Boomer proves that she is really hearing impaired.
Dec. 29; Jan. 2

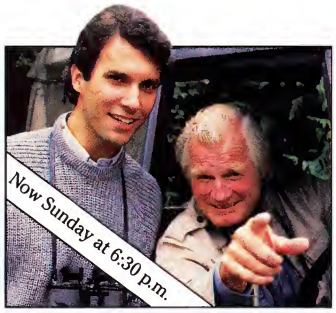
The Mouse Factory
Kurt Russell in "Winter Fun."
Dec. 28, 31

Animals in Action
"Nocturnal Animals" looks at the wide range of creatures—insects, bats, mice and owls—who are active at night.
Dec. 28, 31; Jan. 1

Zorro
A member of the conspiracy poses as a tax collector and tries to turn the populace into "Slaves of the Eagle."
Jan. 2, 4, 6

The Best of Walt Disney Presents
"The Disneyland Story", the first Disney TV show.
Jan. 1, 4

Still the Beaver
The Beaver takes the blame for his friend's mistakes—and is fired because of it in "Escape from the Salt Mines."
Dec. 29; Jan. 1, 3



ANIMALS IN ACTION

This wildlife series takes a unique approach: every week a different trait or characteristic is examined, using examples drawn from all over the animal kingdom. A new episode premieres every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time).

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

Jonathan Swift's immortal satire *Gulliver's Travels* receives a new adaptation in this winsome animated movie from Spain. The film focuses on sea captain and surgeon Lemuel Gulliver's travels and his adventures in the magical land of Lilliput. Washed ashore there, Gulliver discovers that the Lilliputians, who are but a few inches tall, fear that he's an unfriendly giant come to plague them. **Jan. 2, 10, 13**

THE CAT IN THE HAT

What do two kids do when they're forced to stay inside because it's a wet, gloomy day? They feel bored, until a very strange-looking cat in a very funny tall hat appears at their door. That leads to a day of wonder and riot and fun—but what's to be done with the house? It's in a terrible state. But *The Cat in the Hat* has two helpers to put things in order.
Dec. 28, 30; Jan. 3, 14

THIS WEEK

Kids of all ages can add to their New Year's Eve fun by tuning in Wed. at 8:00 p.m. (EST/PST) for Rock In The New Year with Kids Incorporated, created especially to celebrate New Year's Eve, 1986. Then stay tuned for One Magic Christmas, followed by The Making of Disney's Captain EO, a special hosted by Whoopi Goldberg.

Mountain Time Zone Residents: Please note that if you live in the Mountain time Zone, all programs begin one hour later than the listed Eastern/Pacific time.

Sunday, December 28

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Wish Upon a Star
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *Winter Sports*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE The Little Prince (1:28)
11:00	12:00	SPECIAL George and the Star (0:23)
11:30	12:30	The Mouse Factory *Kurt Russell "Winter Fun"*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
3:00	4:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:28) [cc]
4:30	5:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
5:00	6:00	Danger Bay *Old Friends* Ⓢ
5:30	6:30	Animals in Action *Nocturnal Animals*
6:00	7:00	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
7:30	8:30	SPECIAL The Cat in the Hat (0:30)
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Cross Creek (1:55)
10:00	11:00	Five Mile Creek *The Challenge*
11:00	12:00	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
12:45	1:45	DTV Ⓢ
1:00	2:00	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
4:00	5:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *From All of Us to All of You*

Monday, December 29

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Puss In Boots (1:30)
10:00	11:00	The Edison Twins Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Nosey, the Sweetest Skunk in the West*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Americanization of Elias*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Nutcracker Fantasy (1:21)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	Still the Beaver *Escape from the Salt Mines* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Here's Boomer *Molly*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Maryland (1:30)
9:30	10:30	Danger Bay Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE King Solomon's Mines (1:18)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Maryland (1:32)
3:30	4:30	New Animal World
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Nosey, the Sweetest Skunk in the West*

Tuesday, December 30

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39)
10:15	11:15	DTV Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Journey to the Valley of the Emu*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
1:45	2:45	DTV Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Sunshine's On The Way*
5:00	6:00	SPECIAL The Cat in the Hat
5:30	6:30	The Raccoons *Gold Rush* Ⓢ
6:00	7:00	SPECIAL George and the Star
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hour 5*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE O. Henry's Full House (1:57)
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Genevieve (1:26)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Scott of the Antarctic (1:49)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE O. Henry's Full House (1:57)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Journey to the Valley of the Emu*

HOW TO BE VERY VERY POPULAR

Betty Grable and Sheree North are two dancers who accidentally witness a gangland killing and must hide in a fraternity. **Dec. 28, 31; Jan. 3, 8, 10, 13, 16**

CROSS CREEK

Mary Steenburgen is author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (*The Yearling*), who began writing after moving to the backwoods.

Cross Creek *has been selected for our mature viewers and will air only after 9:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). Parental discretion is advised.*
Dec. 28; Jan. 3, 8, 16

ZORRO

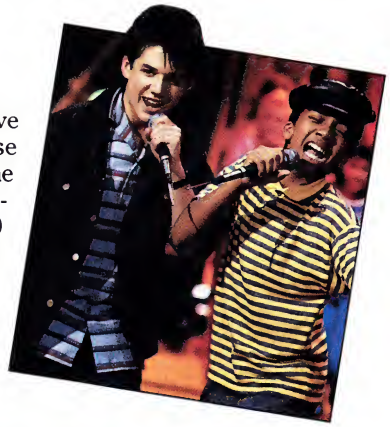
By day he's the foppish rake Don Diego Vega, but when injustice threatens the people of Old California, he dons a black cape and mask to become the crusading Zorro, who rides out of the night to vanquish all evildoers every Friday at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time).

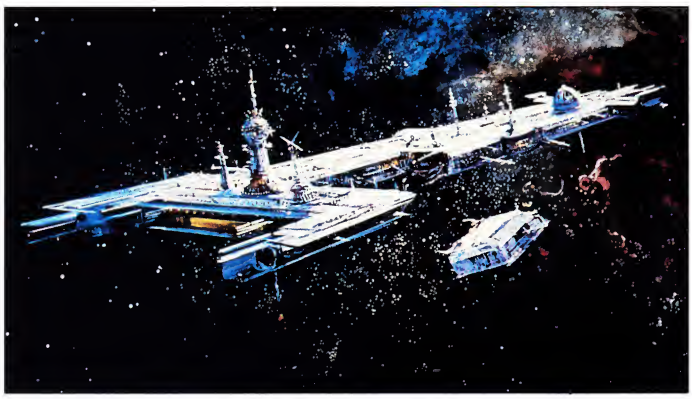
MARYLAND

Maryland's beautiful horse country is the setting for this family drama. When a woman's husband is killed in a riding accident, she forbids her son to ever ride a horse. But the son is torn by his love for a young woman who rides in the Maryland Hunt and his mother's implacable demands. **Dec. 29; Jan. 1, 4, 7, 10, 15**

KIDS INCORPORATED

Kids Incorporated are the five young talented performers whose band brings all the dazzle and the rock beat to *KidScene* every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). But this New Year's Eve at 8:00 p.m., Kids Incorporated has a special treat: an hour-long episode "Rock In The New Year" with all sorts of brand new tunes to ring in the new year.





THE BLACK HOLE

When a rescue crew discovers the derelict starship *U.S.S. Cygnus*, they board her to look for survivors. They discover one: her insane commander, who is determined to sail the *Cygnus* through the center of a black hole on a terrifying voyage that begins where everything in the known universe ends. **Jan. 3, 6, 9, 14, 17**

Wednesday, December 31

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Freckles (1:24)
10:00	11:00	Animals in Action
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *The Goofy Sports Story*
11:30	12:30	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
1:30	2:30	The Mouse Factory
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Noel Buys a Suit*
5:00	6:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: The Beniker Gang (1:26)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	SPECIAL Kids Incorporated *"Rock In The New Year"*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:28) [cc]
9:30	10:30	SPECIAL The Making of Disney's Captain EO
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas
3:30	4:30	Magic Kingdom Yuletide Special
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Thursday, January 1

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Maryland (1:32)
10:05	11:05	Still the Beaver *Escape from the Salt Mines* Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Fly With Von Drake*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
1:35	2:35	The Wind in the Willows
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *The Almost Royal Family*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
6:45	7:45	DTV Ⓢ
7:00	8:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *The Disneyland Story*
8:00	9:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: Tramp at the Door (1:20)
9:30	10:30	Animals in Action
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
2:10	3:10	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: Tramp at the Door (1:20)
3:30	4:30	New Animal World
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Fly With Von Drake*

Friday, January 2

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:28) [cc]
10:00	11:00	Here's Boomer *Molly*
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Chango, Guardian of the Mayan Treasure*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	SPECIAL Kids Incorporated *"Rock In The New Year"*
1:00	2:00	The Raccoons *Gold Rush* Ⓢ
1:30	2:30	ENCHANTED MUSICAL PLAYHOUSE: The Steadfast Tin Soldier (0:30)
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Cajun Cousins*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Gulliver's Travels
6:30	7:30	Zorro *Slave of the Eagle*
7:00	8:00	Five Mile Creek *Blood, Sweat and Faith*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39) plus DTV
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
1:30	2:30	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39)
3:30	4:30	New Animal World
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Saturday, January 3

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Wish Upon a Star
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *Winter Sports*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE Snoopy, Come Home (1:10)
11:00	12:00	The Edison Twins *Team Rubber Knees* Ⓢ
11:30	12:30	New Animal World
12:00	1:00	MOVIE O. Henry's Full House (1:57)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48)
4:30	5:30	SPECIAL The Cat in the Hat (0:30)
5:00	6:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet *Invitation to Dinner*
5:30	6:30	Still the Beaver *Escape from the Salt Mines* Ⓢ
6:00	7:00	MOVIE The Black Hole (1:35)
7:40	8:40	DTV Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
10:00	11:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hour 5*
11:00	12:00	MOVIE Cross Creek (1:55)
1:00	2:00	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48)
3:00	4:00	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
4:30	5:30	New Animal World

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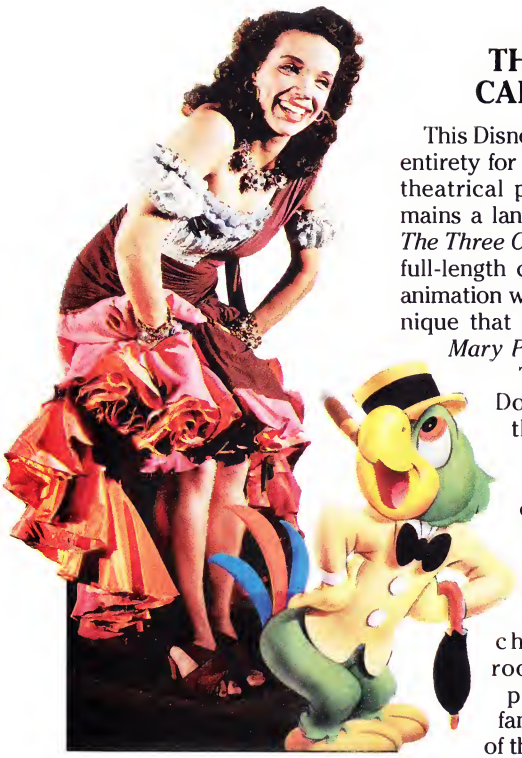

THE THREE CABALLEROS

This Disney classic, shown in its entirety for the first time since its theatrical premiere in 1945, remains a landmark in film history. *The Three Caballeros* was the first full-length color feature to layer animation with live-action, a technique that reached its height in *Mary Poppins*.

The film opens with Donald Duck receiving three birthday presents. Each gift takes him on a magical set of adventures in South America, where he meets two pals, Joe Carioca, the Brazilian parrot, and Panchito, the Mexican rooster. This exclusive premiere also features famous Latin performers of that era. **Jan. 10, 13, 16**

FIVE MILE CREEK

In Australia's "Old West," Kate Wallace and the American widow Maggie Scott run the stage stop at Five Mile Creek, halfway between the coast and the Wilga goldfields. Their friends Con and Jack own the Australian Express stage line. A new *Five Mile Creek* episode airs every Friday at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time).

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY

Based on the famed book *Bob, Son of Battle,* this story of Scottish sheepherders focuses on an embittered man whose love for his prize-winning sheep dog is greater than his love for his son. The two are brought into bitter conflict when the boy raises a champion dog of his own. **Jan. 5, 9, 13**

THE RACCOONS

What's the latest news echoing throughout the Emerald Forest? Did someone say something about there being a "Gold Rush"? How will that affect the lives of Bert and Melissa and Ralph? And how is Cyril Sneer involved?

Dec. 27, 30; Jan. 2, 6, 11

THIS WEEK

For the first time since its original release in 1945, Disney's film The Three Caballeros will be shown in its entirety on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. (EST/PST).

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Sunday, January 4

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Contraption
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *Master Chef*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
11:10	12:10	DTV Ⓢ
11:30	12:30	The Mouse Factory *Johnny Brown "Alligators"*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:49)
2:00	3:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *The Disneyland Story*
3:00	4:00	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
4:45	5:45	Mouseterpiece Theater
5:00	6:00	Danger Bay *Grace Under Pressure* Ⓢ
5:30	6:30	Animals in Action *Life in Rock Pools*
6:00	7:00	MOVIE Green Mansions (1:45)
7:45	8:45	DTV Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Tender Mercies (1:29)
9:30	10:30	Zorro *Slave of the Eagle*
10:00	11:00	Five Mile Creek *Blood, Sweat and Faith*
11:00	12:00	MOVIE Maryland (1:32)
12:40	1:40	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
2:30	3:30	MOVIE Tender Mercies (1:29)
4:00	5:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *The Disneyland Story*

Monday, January 5

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: Tramp at the Door (1:20)
10:00	11:00	The Edison Twins Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *The Owl That Didn't Give a Hoot*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Invitation to the Wedding (1:28)
1:30	2:30	Danger Bay Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	SPECIAL Kids Incorporated *"Rock In The New Year"*
5:00	6:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: The Dog Who Stopped the War (1:29)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	Still the Beaver *Pet Peeves* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Here's Boomer *Boomer and the Bucketeers*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Thunder in the Valley
10:00	11:00	Ozzie and Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE Invitation to the Wedding (1:29)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Thunder in the Valley (1:43)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *The Owl That Didn't Give a Hoot*

Tuesday, January 6

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE The Black Hole (1:35)
10:35	11:35	The Raccoons *Gold Rush* Ⓢ
11:00	12:00	The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet *Captain Salty and the Submarine*
11:30	12:30	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Ann of the Wolf Clan*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:29) [cc]
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hour 6*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:49)
10:00	11:00	The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
12:05	1:05	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
3:00	4:00	Zorro *Slave of the Eagle*
3:30	4:30	New Animal World
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Brimstone, the Amish Horse*

Enchanted Musical Playhouse

THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER

The celebrated mime team of Shields and Yarnell star in an adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story. A tin soldier has only one leg, on which he stands handily. Then the soldier espies a beautiful ballerina doll, who delicately perches on one leg. He falls in love with the graceful dancer, but their passion is thwarted by the steadfast soldier's mortal enemy, a vicious jack-in-the-box.
Dec. 21, 24, 27; Jan. 2

TENDER MERCIES

Robert Duvall won an Academy Award for his performance as the down-and-out country and western crooner Mac Sledge, who discovers redemption when he meets a young widow and her son.

Tender Mercies *has been selected for our mature viewers. It will air only after 9:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time). Parental discretion is advised.*
Jan. 4, 9, 13, 17

WEEKLY SERIES

The Wind in the Willows
Toad proves he's no "Master Chef" with a terrible dinner.
Jan. 4, 10

Still the Beaver
"Pet Peeves" are an escaped tarantula and another strange pet. **Jan. 5, 10**

Here's Boomer
Boomer plays basketball in "Boomer and the Bucketeers."
Jan. 5

The Blue and the Gray
After Vicksburg, the South is slowly destroyed in Hour Six.
Jan. 6

The Edison Twins
Ann and Tom look for a hidden prize in "Over the Rainbow."
Jan. 7, 10, 12

The Mouse Factory
Johnny Brown on "Alligators."
Jan. 4, 7

Danger Day
Grant discovers that mercury poisoning makes for some mean "Mad Hatter Bears."
Jan. 7, 11, 12

The Best of Walt Disney Presents
Walt shows how music is made for and added to film in "Cavalcade of Songs."
Jan. 8, 11

Animals in Action
You find strange marine "Life in Rock Pools"—like clams.
Jan. 4

Zorro
Zorro looks deep into the "The Sweet Face of Danger."
Jan. 9, 11, 14

Five Mile Creek
"The Mail-Order Brides" are on the hunt for husbands.
Jan. 9, 11

GREEN MANSIONS

Audrey Hepburn is Rima, the bird girl of the Amazon, and Anthony Perkins is the young Edwardian adventurer who loves her in this adaptation of W. H. Hudson's romance. **Jan. 4, 7, 15**

Wednesday, January 7

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Green Mansions (1:44)
10:15	11:15	DTV Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *The Donald Duck Story*
11:30	12:30	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet *Invitation to Dinner*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Maryland (1:32)
1:35	2:35	The Mouse Factory *Johnny Brown "Alligators"*
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Cathryn Finds Her Balance*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Puss In Boots (1:30)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Edison Twins *Over the Rainbow* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Danger Bay *Mad Hatter Bears* Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
10:00	11:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE O. Henry's Full House (1:57)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE Green Mansions (1:44)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE Rembrandt (1:26)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *The Donald Duck Story*

Thursday, January 8

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48)
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *In Shape With Von Drake*
11:30	12:30	The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet *David Picks Up the Tab*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:40)
1:45	2:45	DTV Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Professor Wagstaff's Time Machine*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Snoopy, Come Home (1:20)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *Cavalcade of Songs*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Cross Creek (1:55)
10:00	11:00	The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:40)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Cross Creek (1:55)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *In Shape With Von Drake*

Friday, January 9

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:49)
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Prowlers of the Everglades—The Crisler Story*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Thunder in the Valley (1:43)
1:45	2:45	DTV Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Danny and The Killer Rain*
5:00	6:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY: Tramp at the Door (1:20)
6:30	7:30	Zorro
7:00	8:00	Five Mile Creek *The Mail-Order Brides*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Black Hole (1:35)
9:45	10:45	DTV Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Tender Mercies (1:29)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Bishop's Wife (1:48)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE The Black Hole (1:35)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Prowlers of the Everglades—The Crisler Story*

Saturday, January 10

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Contraption
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows
9:30	10:30	MOVIE Gulliver's Travels (1:20)
11:00	12:00	The Edison Twins *Over the Rainbow* Ⓢ
11:30	12:30	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
1:05	2:05	MOVIE Nutcracker Fantasy (1:21)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
4:00	5:00	SPECIAL Kids Incorporated *"Rock In The New Year"*
5:00	6:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet
5:30	6:30	Still the Beaver *Pet Peeves* Ⓢ
6:00	7:00	MOVIE The Three Caballeros (1:12)
7:15	8:15	DTV Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Disney Channel Preview *January 18-February 28*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Maryland (1:32)
9:35	10:35	SPECIAL The Behind the Scenes World of "The Silent One" (0:24)
10:00	11:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:29) [cc]
11:30	12:30	Disney Channel Preview *January 18-February 28*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:34)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Maryland (1:32)
3:30	4:30	MOVIE The Nutcracker Fantasy (1:21)

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THE SILENT ONE

Set on a Polynesian isle, *The Silent One* is the sensitive account of Jonasi, a deaf foundling washed up by the sea. He is isolated from the islanders, who fear he's an evil spirit—a fear which increases when he befriends a giant white turtle, also considered an evil omen.
Jan. 11, 15

BEAU BRUMMEL

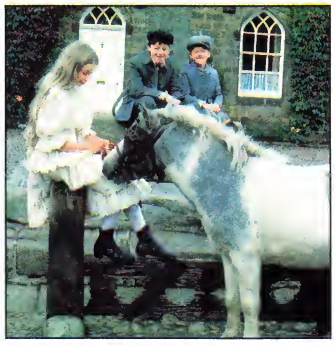
Stewart Granger is Beau Brummel, the Regency wit, dandy, and favorite of the future English king (Peter Ustinov) in this costume drama which also stars Elizabeth Taylor. **Jan. 11, 17**

THE EDISON TWINS

This set of twins are identical in one sense: they both love a mystery. And like the latter-day Sherlock Holmeses that they are, Tom and Annie rely on patience, deduction, and scientific facts to get to the bottom of a riddle. A new enigma confronts them every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m., (Eastern/Pacific time).

THE LITTLEST HORSE THIEVES

A herd of ponies are condemned to the harsh and brutal life of a British coal mine, until three brave children resolve to rescue the suffering beasts in this moving Disney feature film.
Jan. 17



WEEKLY SERIES

The Edison Twins
Tom cares for a baby boa in "Snakes and Ladders."
Jan. 14, 17

The Mouse Factory
Jim Backus on "Homeowners."
Jan. 11, 14

Danger Bay
An old man tries to trade his seal for one from the Aquarium in "Old Friends." **Jan. 14**

The Best of Walt Disney Presents
"The Golden Horseshoe Revue." **Jan. 15**

Animals in Action
"Scavengers" are Nature's disposal systems.
Jan. 11, 13, 15

Five Mile Creek
Maggie learns her parents are dead of cholera, but a stage accident leaves her little time to mourn in "Maggie." **Jan. 16**

The Wind in the Willows
Toad's latest craze is camping—until he accidentally sets a "Fire at Toad Hall."
Jan. 11, 17

Still the Beaver
The young Cleavers learn a lesson in economics: there's "No Free Lunch."
Jan. 12, 15, 17

Here's Boomer
Michael J. Fox (Family Ties) stars with Boomer in "Tell 'Em Boomer Sent You."
Jan. 12, 16

The Blue and the Gray
Hours Seven and Eight bring an end to the bitter war.
Jan. 13, 17

Zorro
Magistrate Galindo pits Don Alejandro against Diego in "Zorro Fights His Father."
Jan. 16

THIS WEEK

- **Hours 7 and 8 are combined for a special two-hour finale to the thrilling Civil War mini-series, The Blue and the Gray, Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. (EST/PST).**
- **Don't miss The Littlest Horse Thieves, a Disney movie about three kids' attempt to rescue a herd of ponies, on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. (EST/PST).**

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Sunday, January 11

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Wish Upon a Star
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *Fire at Toad Hall*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE North Avenue Irregulars (1:39)
11:15	12:15	DTV Ⓢ
11:30	12:30	The Mouse Factory *Jim Backus "Homeowners"*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Green Mansions (1:44)
1:45	2:45	DTV Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *Cavalcade of Songs*
3:00	4:00	MOVIE The Girl Next Door (1:32)
4:35	5:35	The Raccoons *Gold Rush* Ⓢ
5:00	6:00	Danger Bay *Mad Hatter Bears* Ⓢ
5:30	6:30	Animals in Action *Scavengers* Ⓢ
6:00	7:00	MOVIE Beau Brummel (1:53)
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Silent One (1:36)
9:40	10:40	Zorro
10:10	11:10	Five Mile Creek
11:00	12:00	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE The Silent One
3:30	4:30	SPECIAL The Behind the Scenes World of "The Silent One" (0:24)
4:00	5:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *Cavalcade of Songs*

Monday, January 12

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Snoopy, Come Home
9:45	10:45	DTV Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	The Edison Twins Ⓢ
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *Chico the Misunderstood Coyote*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE O. Henry's Full House
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Andrew*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
6:45	7:45	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	Still the Beaver *No Free Lunch* Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Here's Boomer *Tell 'Em Boomer Sent You*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Rembrandt (1:26)
9:30	10:30	Danger Bay Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1:48)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE O. Henry's Full House (1:57)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE Rembrandt (1:26)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Chico the Misunderstood Coyote*

Tuesday, January 13

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE The Three Caballeros (1:12)
9:45	10:45	DTV Ⓢ
10:00	11:00	Disney Channel Preview *January 17-February 28*
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *The Feather Farm*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)
1:30	2:30	Animals In Action *Scavengers*
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Do Me A Favor, Please Don't Vote For My Mom*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Gulliver's Travels (1:20)
6:30	7:30	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hours 7 & 8*
9:00	10:00	Nature's Half Acre
10:00	11:00	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Thunder in the Valley (1:43)
12:30	1:30	MOVIE Tender Mercies (1:29)
2:00	3:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hours 7 & 8*
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *The Feather Farm*

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

June Haver is a musical comedy star who decides she needs some peace and quiet, so she moves to the country. There she meets her neighbor, a cartoonist (Dan Dailey), and falls head over heels in love. **Jan. 11, 15**

REMBRANDT

Charles Laughton portrays the Dutch master-painter Rembrandt van Rijn. Esteemed as the great painter of his day, Rembrandt's reputation was shattered when he chose to depict the truth on canvas rather than flattery. **Jan. 7, 12, 17**

KIDSCENE

KidScene is the hour that has it all: great music, serious drama, and fun and good times. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time), *Kids Incorporated* features contemporary stories and the hot tunes kids want to hear. On Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time), it's *The Kids of DeGrassi Street,* real dramas starring real kids in a real neighborhood. There are also special programs, like *Do Me a Favor, Don't Vote for My Mom* (Tuesday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m., Eastern/Pacific time) and *Andrew* (playing after *Kids Incorporated* on Monday, January 12). *KidScene* also shows *DTV,* the music videos that rock to a Disney beat.

DANGER BAY

Experience a new adventure in the Pacific Northwest every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. (Eastern/Pacific time) with "Doc" Roberts, his two kids Jonah and Nicole, and the beautiful pilot J. L. Duval.

THE BEHIND THE SCENES WORLD OF THE SILENT ONE

Journey to a remote island in the South Pacific to meet the extraordinary cast and crew of *The Silent One.* One of the highlights of this short feature is the creation of a devastating hurricane. **Jan. 10, 11, 15, 17**

Wednesday, January 14

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Nutcracker Fantasy
10:00	11:00	SPECIAL The Cat in the Hat
10:30	11:30	SPECIAL Kids Incorporated *"Rock In The New Year"*
11:30	12:30	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:29) [cc]
1:30	2:30	The Mouse Factory
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Cookie Goes To The Hospital*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE The Black Hole (1:35)
6:40	7:40	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Edison Twins Ⓢ
7:30	8:30	Danger Bay *Old Friends* Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Snoopy, Come Home
9:30	10:30	Disney Channel Preview *January 18-February 28*
10:00	11:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY Tramp at the Door (1:20)
12:00	1:00	MOVIE One Magic Christmas (1:29) [cc]
1:30	2:30	MOVIE Snoopy, Come Home
3:00	4:00	Zorro
3:30	4:30	Disney Channel Preview
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents

Thursday, January 15

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE The Silent One (1:36)
10:10	11:10	Still the Beaver *No Free Lunch* Ⓢ
10:40	11:40	Walt Disney Presents *Four Tales on a Mouse*
11:30	12:30	Ozzie & Harriet
12:00	1:00	MOVIE Sacred Ground (1:40)
1:45	2:45	DTV Ⓢ
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Little Friend*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE Green Mansions (1:44)
6:45	7:45	Mouseterpiece Theater
7:00	8:00	The Best of Walt Disney Presents *The Golden Horseshoe Revue*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE The Girl Next Door (1:32)
9:35	10:35	Animals In Action *Scavengers*
10:05	11:05	Ozzie & Harriet
10:30	11:30	MOVIE Maryland (1:32)
12:10	1:10	MOVIE The Silent One (1:36)
2:05	3:05	SPECIAL The Behind the Scenes World of "The Silent One" (0:24)
2:30	3:30	MOVIE The Girl Next Door (1:32)
4:00	5:00	Walt Disney Presents *Four Tales on a Mouse*

Friday, January 16

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Mickey Mouse Club
5:30	6:30	Mousercise
6:00	7:00	Good Morning, Mickey!
6:30	7:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
7:00	8:00	Donald Duck Presents
7:30	8:30	Dumbo's Circus
8:00	9:00	You and Me, Kid
8:30	9:30	MOVIE Almost Angels (1:33)
10:05	11:05	Here's Boomer *Tell 'Em Boomer Sent You*
10:30	11:30	Walt Disney Presents *The Horse of the West*
11:30	12:30	The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet *Hawaiian Party*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
2:00	3:00	Dumbo's Circus
2:30	3:30	Welcome to Pooh Corner
3:00	4:00	Mickey Mouse Club
3:30	4:30	Donald Duck Presents
4:00	5:00	KidScene *Kids Incorporated* plus *Spread Your Wings: Steve's Violin*
5:00	6:00	MOVIE The Three Caballeros (1:12)
6:15	7:15	DTV Ⓢ
6:30	7:30	Zorro *Zorro Fights His Father*
7:00	8:00	Five Mile Creek *Maggie*
8:00	9:00	MOVIE My Fair Lady (2:55)
11:00	12:00	MOVIE Cross Creek (1:55)
1:00	2:00	MOVIE The Journey of Natty Gann (1:45) [cc]
2:15	3:15	DTV Ⓢ
3:00	4:00	MOVIE How to Be Very, Very Popular (1:29)

Saturday, January 17

CENTRAL	EASTERN/PACIFIC	
5:00	6:00	Donald Duck Presents
5:30	6:30	Wish Upon a Star
6:00	7:00	Mousercise
6:30	7:30	You and Me, Kid
7:00	8:00	Dumbo's Circus
7:30	8:30	Good Morning, Mickey!
8:00	9:00	Welcome to Pooh Corner
8:30	9:30	Donald Duck Presents
9:00	10:00	The Wind in the Willows *Fire at Toad Hall*
9:30	10:30	MOVIE The Black Hole (1:35)
11:10	12:10	DTV Ⓢ
11:30	12:30	The Edison Twins *Snakes and Ladders* Ⓢ
12:00	1:00	DISNEY CHANNEL DISCOVERY Tramp at the Door (1:20)
1:30	2:30	MOVIE Rembrandt (1:26)
3:00	4:00	MOVIE Beau Brummel (1:51)
5:00	6:00	The Best of Ozzie & Harriet *The Kappa Sig Party*
5:30	6:30	Still the Beaver *No Free Lunch* Ⓢ
6:00	7:00	MOVIE The Littlest Horse Thieves (1:44)
7:45	8:45	DTV Ⓢ
8:00	9:00	MOVIE Tender Mercies (1:29)
9:30	10:30	SPECIAL Behind the Scenes World of the Silent One
10:00	11:00	MINI-SERIES The Blue and the Gray *Hours 7 & 8*
12:00	1:00	MOVIE The Black Hole (1:35)
2:00	3:00	MOVIE Tender Mercies (1:29)
3:30	4:30	MOVIE Rembrandt (1:26)

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COMING ATTRACTIONS!

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The Disney Channel is always searching for other outstanding works of children's entertainment, such as the presentations of Dr. Seuss's immortal stories or the tales of the Peanuts gang. One such outstanding feature coming your way is *Heathcliff,* starring that adorable, if at times downright pesky, feline. And making a return to The Disney Channel is that world renowned cartoon figure, *Asterix the Gaul.*

Exclusive specials have always had a high priority at The Disney Channel. This past year, we've presented such stellar shows as *Raffi* and *The New Vaudevillians.* Coming up on The Disney Channel is another fun-filled musical special. The stars this time are the young pop group The Jets. They're eight brothers and sisters whose hit tunes "Crush on You," "Private Number," and "Curiosity" have led critics to hail them as a new musical dynasty in the tradition of The Jacksons. (The Jets' family moved to the United States from the Polynesian island of Tonga.) As drummer LeRoy Wolfgramm, the oldest of The Jets explains, "Dad always wanted us kids to stay together as a unit."

One of the hallmarks of The Disney Channel's programming has been its lineup of quality prime-time series, every weekday night. Two new series have a winter premiere on The Disney Channel.

Boone is the heart-warming story of Boone Sawyer, who lives in rural Tennessee during the 1950s. He's a young man with a guitar and a unique musical vision that will one day be known as rock 'n' roll. The other series debuting on The Disney Channel is a television classic. Set in Montana at the turn of the century, *My Friend Flicka* chronicles the adventures of young Ken McLaughlin and his horse Flicka.

Of course, that commitment to high-quality series also applies to *KidScene,* the special one-hour block of entertainment for kids that airs every weekday. It features the best in kids' drama, *DTV,* and of course, *Kids Incorporated.* The five dazzling performers and their band appear every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It's all part of *KidScene.*

The Disney Channel remains committed to television entertainment for the total family. It's part of The Disney Channel philosophy that television can bring families together, and that family viewing can be quality time spent together. Now, with an exciting new lineup of entertainment for the new year—and the introduction of 24-hour programming—the magic of The Disney Channel continues for one and all.

The Journey of Natty Gann

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effortless....*The Journey of Natty Gann* knows where it's going."

Everyone working on the film had known where the film was going, according to Jeanne. There was a striving for authenticity at every level, from a momentary glimpse of a torn poster of F.D.R. in a Chicago Depression scene, to the slow development of a bond between Natty and the wolf.

The relationship between Meredith Salenger, who plays Natty, and Jed, who is actually half wolf/half malamute, came naturally for both of them. "Wolves are intuitive," Jeanne explains, "and they like some people and don't like others. Jed has the mind of a wolf, and he liked Meredith immediately and stuck by her throughout the film."

Meredith says of their relationship: "We got closer and closer, and by the end of filming, Jed was protecting me. If the director suddenly gestured aggressively, Jed would move in close to me. Jed's so intelligent. He's smarter than Lassie. And when you look into the wolf's eyes, he looks human. You know what he's thinking."

The film captures the desperation of Chicago during the Depression: hungry people standing in breadlines; men out of work, huddled in despondent groups around street lights, many of them with no place to live; dirty hobo camps rife with violence. In preparation for the film, production designer Paul Sylbert pored over his vast picture and book collection. The result is a film presenting one of the most richly detailed depictions of that period ever put on the screen.

Costume designer Albert Wolsky, too, did careful research on period clothes. He worked on the color and aging of garments, and created nearly 2000 costumes.

Under Kagan's direction, the role of the father became more important to the movie than it had been on paper. Sol Gann is a good and caring father. He tried to do the best he could by Natty in going to get work. But that meant leaving her. Jeanne agreed with Kagan's desire to capture the power of a father-daughter relationship, but she never lost sight of the importance of the wolf. After all, he'd protected Natty throughout.

When cameramen were shooting the final scene of the movie, the wolf was to be left out. But Jeanne pleaded with Kagan to include a shot of him. At the end of the film, we see Jed alone, howling up on a mountain ledge. "The wolf would have continued to take care of Natty, had she needed him," Jeanne argued confidently.

Reading FOR THE LOVE OF IT

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

As part of The Disney Channel's effort to encourage children to read, we're allocating space in this and the next couple of issues of *The Disney Channel Magazine* to exploring the joys and value of reading. Here, education experts and lovers of books share their findings and thoughts about reading. We've added new reading and writing activities to the "Just for Kids" section. And in the next issue we'll also introduce The Disney Channel "Read, Write and Draw" activity for children, with the chance that their stories and illustrations could be shown on The Disney Channel or be published in *The Disney Channel Magazine.*

Reading takes us into a world with an endless horizon. It offers more variety than anyone can experience in his own day-to-day life. Young Harriet, in Louise Fitzhugh's *Harriet the Spy*, expresses the pure joy of reading when she muses: "How I love to read. The whole world gets bigger."

Helping Your Children Become Better Readers

William J. Bennett

Encouraging early reading is high on the priority list of Education Secretary William J. Bennett. He's also eagerly promoting a redefinition of literacy to mean not just simply being able to decode words and sentences but being able to read a book and understand its meaning—reading for content. Here are some of the findings from the Education Department's recent report "What Works":

• The best way for parents to help their children become better readers is to read to them—even when they are very young. Children benefit most from reading aloud when they discuss stories,

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Two Award-Winning Children's Authors

"A good story uses the description of events to reveal some kind of moral or psychological premise. I am not aware as I develop a story what the premise is. When I started *The Polar Express*, I thought I was writing about a train trip. But the story was actually about faith and the desire to believe in something. It's an intriguing process. I know if I'd set out with the goal of writing about that, I'd still be holding a pencil over a blank paper."

—Chris Van Allsburg, author of *The Polar Express*, winner of the 1986 Caldecott Medal

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"*Sarah, Plain and Tall* grew out of what my mother used to call the heroics of a common life. ...it is the daily grace and dignity with which we survive that children most need and wish to know about in books. My parents believed in the truths of literature and it was my mother who urged me to read a book and find out who you are. There are those of us who read and write to happily slip into the characters we'd like to be. It is, I believe, our way of getting to know the good and bad of us, rehearsing to be more humane."

—Patricia MacLachlan author of *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, winner of the 1986 Newbery Medal

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The words of Chris Van Allsburg and Patricia MacLachlan are excerpted from their acceptance speeches, later printed in *The Horn Book Magazine.*

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Each year the American Library Association makes two awards. The Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished picture book published in the United States during the preceding year. The Newbery Medal is given for "the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" published during the previous year.

Coming next issue! The first in a series of Read, Write and Draw Activities

Helping Your Children Become Better Readers

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learn to identify letters and words, and talk about the meaning of words.

• Children who are encouraged to draw and scribble "stories" at an early age will later learn to compose more easily, more effectively, and with greater confidence than children who do not have this encouragement.

• A good foundation in speaking and listening helps children become better readers.

• Telling young children stories can motivate them to read. Storytelling also introduces them to cultural values and literary traditions before they can read, write and talk about stories by themselves.

• Children improve their reading ability by reading a lot. Reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading children do in school and outside.

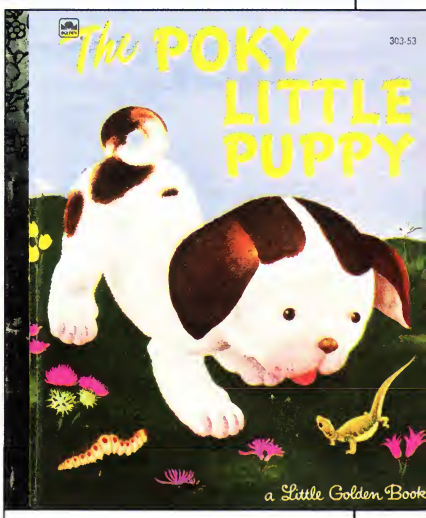
For a copy of the report write to: What Works, Pueblo, CO 81009

"Few children learn to love books by themselves. Someone has to lure them into the wonderful world of the written word; someone has to show them the way."
—Orville Prescott, from *A Father Reads to His Children*

A Billion Little Golden Books

Little Golden Books were first published in 1942, and were instantly popular because they were inexpensive (25 cents in 1942) and were soon sold in department stores rather than in fancy bookstores. They brought early reading to many children who otherwise might not have been exposed to books until they were in school. Many stories of classic Disney movies and Disney cartoon characters have been published in Golden Books.

In November, Western Publishing Company printed the billionth Little Golden Book. The landmark event was marked by a celebration at the New York Public Library: a reading by Tony Randall of the most famous Little Golden Book, *The Poky Little Puppy.*



The Value of Reading Aloud to Children

"Reading aloud to your children is like hugging their minds," says Jim Trelease, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook.* "Research shows that reading aloud to your children, on a daily basis, is the single most important thing you can do to build future readers."

But improving your children's reading skills isn't the only advantage gained from reading aloud. Children learn to communicate. They can write better and express themselves more clearly. And they learn to listen and understand what they hear. "Parents can give their children the gift of communication when they read aloud," continues Trelease, who stresses that even babies can benefit from hearing stories read to them. It's calming.

On the subject of buying books for children, Trelease recommends that if you're buying a book that you're going to be reading aloud, read the book to yourself. "Make sure you like it," he says. "If you read it first, you'll also know the flow of the book—the suspenseful parts where you should slow down or read softly."

Trelease has other suggestions for making a story come alive: "If it's about a blueberry, for example, you could even give your children blueberry muffins to eat while you're reading."

Photo By Dan McCoy

Jim Trelease's Do's and Don'ts About Reading Aloud To Your Children

1. Don't read as fast as you can. Take your time and read slowly so that the story has more impact.
2. Don't force your children to sit still while you are reading. They can play or draw and still listen to the story.
3. Take time to answer your children's questions about the story, since you can enhance their verbal skills while increasing their reading ability.
4. Don't use books to threaten your children. For example, don't tell a child that if he doesn't pick up his room, you won't read to him today. If books are used as a weapon, the child may develop a negative attitude toward books.
5. Continue to read aloud to your children, even when they learn to read themselves. "Most children have a listening vocabulary that is higher than their reading vocabulary," explains Trelease. "So you can read aloud more exciting books than the child can, which, in turn, stimulates the child to read more advanced books."

Trelease recommends that parents talk with their children's teachers about the value of reading aloud. Whether the subject is English or math and science, reading aloud can be an educational tool about the specific subject, while increasing the child's communication skills.

The Read-Aloud Handbook, by Jim Trelease, is published by Penguin Books. Besides offering parents advice on reading to children, the book also contains "A Treasury of Read-Alouds": descriptions of some 300 books, including picture books, novels, poetry books and anthologies for children of all ages. Following each book's description is a list of additional books that a child may enjoy.

Disney CHANNEL FAMILIES

This new regular department offers observations and information on subjects that families care about. It will frequently draw on the themes of programs currently airing on The Disney Channel. In the debut column below, for example, we focus on the pleasures and pressures of the holidays, with a look at *One Magic Christmas.* And as an extension of The Disney Channel Family Reading Program, we include a list of helpful sources for choosing good children's books.

The Joy—and Stress— of the Holidays

"A lot of presents doesn't make it any better of a Christmas," Ginny Grainger grumbles to her husband, Jack, in *One Magic Christmas,* premiering on The Disney Channel on December 13.

"When you're a kid it does," Jack contradicts.

Jack is unemployed and he wants to spend some of their savings on presents for their children. Ginny, who works as a checkout person at a supermarket, is overwhelmed by the struggle of trying to make ends meet, and she becomes more and more bitter as Christmas approaches. She wants to buy only token presents and be done with it.

What the Graingers don't realize is that although their children have the normal desire for presents, they care more about sharing Christmas with their family than about what they get on Christmas Day. Abbie, their almost-seven-year-old daughter, has only one wish: that "my mom like Christmas better."

One Magic Christmas is a tale of unusual hardship and extraordinary magic. It's also a story of one family—Jack and Ginny Grainger, their children Cal and Abbie, and great grandpa. Through their disappointments and joys they learn the true meaning of Christmas.

The movie raises all of the questions that come up in our own lives as we celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah: What do children really want and need at holiday time? How can parents best respond to their children's desires? How can we hold onto the magic of the season and not drown in its commercialism?

Probably the easiest way to a more enjoyable holiday season is to spend *more* time together with family and friends and *less* time rushing around trying to make things perfect. Quiet time at home making ornaments, watching a holiday television program together, or reading Christmas stories can be pleasurable for all ages. Here are a few other suggestions for easing the pressure at holiday time:

- Plan ahead. Be aware of your energy, money and stamina, and spread them out through the holidays so that you have some of each left at the end.
- Discuss the original meaning of the holiday with your children. Let the children know your values, so that their expectations are realistic. Emphasize the importance of people and of sharing good times, not just *things.*
- Keep things safe. Practice extra precaution when cooking, making crafts, and around candles and fireplaces.
- Take care of yourself. Understand that holidays are a stressful time because of many unusual demands, including large family gatherings.
- Think of fun, easy places to go together while school is out, such as the zoo or a puppet show at the local library.
- Give presents that are appropriate to the child's age. If gifts are inappropriate, your child gets frustrated.

Choosing the "Right" Book

Illustration by Diana Bauer

Books are perfect gifts, if they're carefully selected. But people frequently feel bewildered at finding just the right book for a child. In the past few years, however, several good books have been written on the subject of picking out books for children. Here are a few:

- *Choosing Books for Children: A Commonsense Guide* by Betsy Hearne (Delacorte Press and Dell paperback).
- *For Reading Out Loud! A Guide to Sharing Books With Children* by Margaret Mary Kimmel and Elizabeth Segel (Delacorte Press and Dell paperback).
- *A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading* by Nancy Larrick (Bantam Books).
- *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease (Penguin Books).

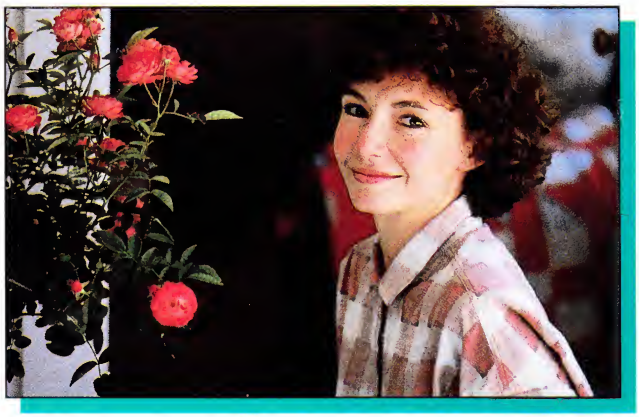
There are also two excellent independent publications devoted solely to a review of children's books:

- *The Horn Book Magazine,* published six times a year (31 St. James Ave., Boston, MA 02116).
- *The Korbin Letter* published eight times a year (732 N. Greer Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303).

In addition, some stores specializing in children's books publish informative newsletters.

Probably the best source, however, is your local public library. A children's librarian has invaluable information about books and children. Even more important, you can experiment with books, without making a financial investment.

Disney Channel Outtakes



MARY STEENBURGEN: Mother and Actress

"Having children of my own, I understood the mother's role more clearly," Oscar-winning actress Mary Steenburgen says of her portrayal of the Scrooge-like Ginny Grainger in *One Magic Christmas.*

As Steenburgen explains, "Actors who haven't had kids tend to portray parents in a deferential, sweet way. Sometimes they even talk down to children. When you have kids, you realize that they are people, and you talk to them like you do anyone else."

Her enthusiasm for the film stemmed from the story. "I never discarded the script," she said after the production had been postponed for a year. She also wanted to work with director Phillip Borsos. (Borsos also directed *The Grey Fox*, seen recently on The Disney Channel.)

"I felt inspired by him every day," Steenburgen said. "Ultimately, he was able to do what the best directors can do. He provided me with a place to come to where I felt so safe and secure in my contribution that I could sail, I could fly. Let me explain: A kite can dance in the sky but there is this thin, almost imperceptible string at the bottom, grounding it. It's the same with a good director. He grounds you, but the string is very thin, and you can just fly up there."

JOHN CUSACK'S PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

"Acting is something that you have to commit to and go at with passion or you'll be left at the wayside. You have to give 150 percent," observes John Cusack, who portrays the young drifter Harry Slade in *The Journey of Natty Gann.*

At age 20, Cusack is already a seasoned veteran, with such credits as *16 Candles, The Sure Thing*, and last summer's *One Crazy Summer* under his belt. His commitment and passion for acting and filmmaking were demonstrated by the preparations he made for his role in *Natty Gann.*

"I watched *The Grapes of Wrath* just to get in tune with the times," he explains, "also a documentary called *Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?* (which aired earlier this year on The Disney Channel). I learned you had to be tough to survive riding the rails. Stowaways were always being hunted by the railroad police and there was a constant danger of losing an arm or a leg jumping on and off the trains.

"I do have a strong sense of character," Cusack says. "I wanted Harry Slade to be tough and gentle at the same time. It was a different kind of part than I'd ever done. You can't act a part that you can't relate to. I started with my own feelings, then moved to the character. Next came the outside—his walk, his attitudes, the way he carried himself."

Currently Cusack is filming the movie *Hot Pursuit*. He also attends New York University, where he's engaged in film studies. "I would like to write and direct films," he says. "I think that is the highest form of creativity."

CONTINUED SUPPORT OF TOYS FOR TOTS

Recently in Washington, DC, General P. X. Kelley, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, was on hand to congratulate John F. Cooke, President of The Disney Channel, over The Channel's continuing involvement with the Marine Corps Reserve's Christmas charity, Toys For Tots. This is the second year in which The Disney Channel has taken part in the charity campaign.

Founded in 1947 by Marine Colonel Bill Hendricks, Toys For Tots is dedicated to spreading the joy of the holiday season by collecting and distributing new toys to needy children. The program is uniquely set up to function at the community level.

Local Marine Corps Reserve units announce a Toys For Tots campaign and then proceed to collect the donated gifts, which are sorted on the basis of suitable age and gender. Accredited social agencies then distribute the toys, bringing Christmas cheer to thousands of delighted children.

Disney's association with the Toys For Tots program goes back to its beginnings and the Toys For Tots production of their highly-prized Christmas poster. That inaugural design poster was supervised by one of Hollywood's leading screen magicians: Walt Disney.

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